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7-hour 'hostage drama' in Kagman

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The Department of Public Safety's elite Tactical Response Enforcement Team rescued a 10-year-old boy who was allegedly held by his armed father who refused to be served with an arrest warrant and instead barricaded himself in his house in Kagman for about seven hours yesterday.

» **TRET members rescue child from his armed father**

Eight TRET members divided in two teams swooped into the one-story studio-type house at 2:48am and arrested Herman C. Tudela Jr. and rescued his son.

No gunshot or explosive was fired during the rescue operation.

Police said that Tudela and his son were sleeping when TRET members barged inside the house. One officer grabbed



Tudela Jr.

the child and brought him to a waiting ambulance for medical evaluation. The boy was later turned over to his grandmother and uncles.

In a press briefing later, DPS Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero said the child was in a state of shock and appeared to have been crying for four to five hours.

"No one was injured. I'm

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OPEN MESSAGE

A giant sign by the road leading up to Northern Marianas College urges senators not to pass a House revenue-generating bill allowing casino gambling on Saipan, citing casinos' possible social ill effects. The Senate has yet to act on the casino bill, which its proponents say will help prolong the NMI Retirement Fund's lifespan.

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US Labor accused of bias vs workers

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help over unpaid wages and related labor issues.

Workers urged acting U.S. Interior assistant secretary Eileen Sobeck Wednesday night to help extend the Federal Labor Ombudsman's Office's operations in the CNMI beyond Sept. 30 or, in the alternative, ensure that other entities absorbing the ombudsman's office functions will give "fair treatment" to those seeking

» **Sobeck asked to ensure workers will get fair treatment from agencies**
» **Interior: Details of functions to be absorbed by other agencies not available**

This comes amid worker groups' concern that a U.S. Labor Wage and Hour Division employee on Saipan has been improperly siding with employers who do not pay their workers properly, even before reviewing the workers' specific complaints.

"If this is not addressed, we will [go] back to the time when there's rampant em-

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Inos appeals to USDOE on Pell grants

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos formally appealed yesterday to the U.S. Department of Education to reconsider its planned decision to make the Northern Marianas College's School of Education ineligible for the Pell grant program.

In a five-page letter to USDOE Undersecretary Dr. Martha J. Kanter, the governor urged her to consider the other "feasible and reasonable interpretations of the law and apply them in a humanitarian fashion."

Although the Higher Education Act and related regulations specify that dual accreditation is generally prohibited, Inos said that if it is justified, as in the case of NMC, the USDOE can in fact allow it. He pointed out that NMC had notified the department of the need for dual accreditation with the Western Association of Schools and Colleges some 12 years ago.

"I believe that the record will show that NMC informed your department that WASC's junior commission would be its primary accreditation agency with responsibility

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» **'Decision for NMC has potential to close the college'**

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4 NMC execs bound for DC

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Northern Marianas College president Sharon Y. Hart, Ph.D., is bound for Washington, D.C., next week with three other college executives to persuade the federal government not to stop the federal Pell grant program for the college's baccalaureate program.

In a statement yesterday, Hart said the group is also lining up some names that will join the delegation to the U.S. Department of Education, including key members of the government and Legislature. Additional names on the trip list are not known yet.

Travelling with Hart on Tuesday, July 30, are legal counsel Christopher Timmons; dean of Student Services Leo Pangelinan; and School of education director Charlotte Cepeda. The group is scheduled to meet with USDOE officials, including undersecretary Martha Kanter.

"The college will present its position and hope to convince the department to reconsider its position on potentially terminating Title IV student financial aid eligibility for the college's School of Education," according to the statement.

It was earlier learned that USDOE is preparing to render a policy decision that will make NMC's bachelor's program in education ineligible for Title IV federal funding in the form of Pell, Supplemental Educational Opportunity, and Teach grants.

The potential decision is not connected to the college's show-cause accreditation status. NMC is not the only institution that may be impacted by this policy decision.

The announcement of this potential loss came in the form of a letter from USDOE informing accrediting agencies of its plan to notify NMC that its baccalaureate program is ineligible for Title IV student financial aid.

No other associate programs at the college are at risk.

"The USDOE just recently bared that dual accreditation is not in accordance with its policy, based on its view that the joint accreditation process under two accrediting agencies is inconsistent with its Higher Education Act," the statement said.

Provisions under HEA restrict higher education institutions from being a member of multiple accreditation agencies. In the case of NMC, the college is accredited by both the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges and Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities.

In separate letters to the USDOE, Hart, Dr. Barbara Beno, president of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges; and Ralph Wolff, president of the Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities, appealed to USDOE to delay taking any adverse action until officials formally meet to discuss NMC's position and clarify any issues before a final decision is rendered. Both accrediting agencies' presidents strongly urged USDOE to reconsider its policy decision.

The Bachelor of Science in Education program at NMC has been in existence—and participating in Title IV student financial aid—for more than a decade. Also, ACCJC and ACSCU have maintained a policy that provides for joint accreditation of two-year degree-granting institutions accredited by the ACCJC that offer single baccalaureate programs for more than a decade.

Hart earlier said that USDOE has never raised any concerns to the college nor to these two accrediting bodies since it was granted Title IV eligibility more than 10 years ago. "Unfortunately, the college is caught in a spider web of bureaucracy be-

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tween the USDOE and the two accrediting commissions.”

If the policy is enforced, students under the bachelor's in education program may no longer qualify for federal financial aid. Pell grants, based on financial need, go to low-income and some middle-income students to help pay for tuition and other costs.

Close to 80 percent of NMC students receive some sort of federal financial assistance.

USDOE's approval of the policy decision rendering the baccalaureate program ineligible is not guaranteed yet, since USDOE has yet to enforce its policy and meet with NMC. The meeting with USDOE next week may determine the fate of federal student financial aid for the college's School of Education.

“Time is of the essence. Rendering our bachelor's in education program ineligible for federal student aid is a big concern to us because so many of our students enrolled in the baccalaureate are Pell grant and Teach Grant recipients,” said Hart.

Not everyone is eligible for federal student aid, but “for low-income students depending on Pell, the impact can be significant,” she added. “We are doing everything we possibly can to work with the U.S. Department of Education and other stakeholders to ensure that our bachelor's program in education remains eligible for financial aid. We need to keep the Title IV program available to students who need it most.”

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Hocog: Daily Cape Air flight to Rota soon

Senate Vice President Victor Hocog (R-Rota) announced yesterday that Cape Air/United Airlines will resume daily flights to Rota “soon,” helping to boost the

island's tourism industry.

Citing communication from Cape Air managing director for marketing and public relations Trish Lorino, Hocog said

the daily flights to Rota will be a major improvement from the airline's current four-times-a-week flight of Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

“The enhanced Cape Air flights will provide the people and the island of Rota with a reliable, stable and dependable air service essential to provide

a prosperous economic future,” Hocog said.

Besides Cape Air's four-times-a-week flight to Rota, Freedom Air is also providing three-times-a-week flights to the island, Hocog added. (Haid-ee V. Eugenio)

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Rota senators seek to restore House budget cuts for Rota, Tinian

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Two Rota senators seek to restore a total of \$2.29 million in Rota and Tinian funding for homesteads and utilities that the House of Representatives cut last week, as the Senate starts working on the \$123.4-million fiscal year 2014 budget bill.

Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) officially tasked Rules and Procedures chair Sen.

Victor Hocog (R-Rota) yesterday to immediately assign the House-passed budget bill for committee review.

Hocog officially assigned the budget bill to the Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee, chaired by Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota).

Hocog and Taimanao, in separate interviews, said yesterday they will push for the restoration of the \$2 million originally intended by the Department of

Public Lands for Rota and Tinian homestead development projects, but was removed by the House and transferred it to the Marianas Public Land Trust.

The two Rota senators also want to restore the \$290,000 that the House removed from the proposed \$679,241 Rota utility budget. The House wanted it transferred to the Saipan mayor's office' "all others" budget.

Taimanao said the Fiscal Af-

fairs Committee will schedule public hearings on the budget.

Hocog said he is suggesting that the committee hold public hearings only on proposed budgets for Rota and Tinian, and address the Saipan/CNMI-wide budgets only at the committee level.

A budget bill has to be passed by the Legislature and enacted into law by Oct. 1, or the government will have to shut down until a new budget is in place.

As of yesterday, Taimanao said she has yet to review House

Bill 18-98, House Draft 6.

"We may not need to call in most of the agencies about their budgets. We will act on the budget bill expeditiously," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

Senate on NMC matters

The Senate is expected to confirm today Gov. Eloy S. Inos' appointees to the Northern Marianas College Board of Regents: Frank Rabauliman and William Torres.

Sen. Frank Cruz's (R-Tinian) Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations held public hearings on Rabauliman and Torres' reappointment yesterday morning.

Within hours, the EAGI Committee completed its report recommending confir-

mation of the appointees. But because the filing of the committee reports did not meet the 24-hour advance notification, the Senate was not able to act on the recommendations during yesterday afternoon's Senate session.

The Senate resumes its session today, wherein it is expected to confirm the two board members.

Sen. Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan), meanwhile, introduced yesterday a joint resolution urging the U.S. Department of Education to reconsider its policy decision to render NMC bachelor's program in education ineligible for federal financial aid.

Senate Joint Resolution 18-6, which the full Senate later sponsored, is expected to be adopted in today's session resumption.

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for certifying eligibility for Title IV aid. This is all that is required of NMC. The department now appears to be taking the position that in doing so, NMC is only eligible for aid for programs falling within the jurisdiction of ACCJC when in fact, the Higher Education Act does not go so far to impose this restriction," said Inos, adding that ACCJC's accreditation is an institutional accreditation and, as such, entitles all accredited degree programs to financial aid.

Inos said this is at least one reasonable interpretation of the law that he's hopeful the USDOE will adopt as its own, "given the dire consequences of the alternative."

Substantial compliance

While the records may be sparse with respect to discussions surrounding the need for dual accreditation for NMC, Inos said it's clear that under the present accreditation scheme, dual accreditation is the only way NMC can offer a baccalaureate degree in education.

"Unless the accreditation scheme for our region is altered and a single commission is given authority over two-year institutions growing into

four-year institutions in our region, dual accreditation must be acknowledged and allowed by the USDOE as being necessary," he said, adding that NMC has substantially complied with the law and regulation and any argument that it has not complied "is merely punitive hair splitting."

"Over the course of more than 12 years, our college has informed you of the existence of its bachelor's degree in education which has been authorized through multiple program participation agreements acknowledged by authorized USDOE staff. NMC has met these requirements and should be not penalized when alternative and viable interpretations are available," according to him.

Dual accreditation

According to Inos, NMC has not engaged in forum shopping nor has it attempted to circumvent or dilute the accreditation process.

"There is one accreditation agency for our region, the WASC. It is the internal policy of WASC, acknowledged by USDOE, to divide its responsibilities among multiple internal commissions. Just as your department has interpreted this to be separate bodies, it could have considered all three commissions of this

single body to be one Title IV gatekeeper," said Inos.

Because of the situation, NMC, along with the American Samoa Community College and Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, find themselves caught in the middle of accreditation agency policy and arcane bureaucracy, he said.

The route followed by NMC "was the only route available to it" and should not be penalized for it, he added.

Demographics

The governor pointed out to USDOE that the CNMI has disappointing demographics in terms of the educational attainment of its people when compared to the U.S. mainland.

He said the CNMI's percentage of degree attainment in young adults between 25 and 34 years old is only 26 percent compared to 42 percent in the U.S.

In a 2011 study, while 49.4 percent of private sector employees and 28.3 percent public sector employees have achieved a high school diploma, only 18.1 percent and 17.4 percent respectively have achieved a bachelor's degree, he added.

"To sustain the workforce in this area it is imperative that we continue to provide a means for our indigenous people to obtain highly qualified teacher creden-

tials, which requires that they have a venue to achieve a bachelor's degree," Inos said.

He said the vast majority of islanders cannot afford to leave the islands to obtain college degrees and just have expensive online providers and NMC as their only viable options. The college's School of Education, the governor said, fills a critical void.

Saipan Tribune learned that NMC was awarded approximately \$1.2 million in Title IV financial aid last year.

Potential closure of NMC

Inos said the decision USDOE will make has the potential to close NMC, which will be devastating to the community.

"The blow extends past the immediate impact upon our students; it will reach deep into our community workforce at a critical time in our island's history," said Inos.

With federalization of the CNMI's immigration system, the islands face the imminent loss of up to 80 percent of its workforce in 2014.

If USDOE is not convinced to reconsider, Inos urged the agency to "soften the blow" and lessen the decision's devastating impact. He asked that a reasonable transition be extended and that recovery of past awards be ruled out.

emergency motion to increase the bail to at least \$10,000.

At the hearing, Myers, who was accompanied by chief prosecutor Neal, asked the court to increase the bail as the government will file more charges against the defendant in connection with the rescue of the child.

Myers said the charges include kidnapping, child abuse, terroristic threatening, assault, obstruction of justice, resisting arrest, disturbing the peace, violating order of protection, and criminal contempt.

Myers asserted, among other things, that Tudela kidnapped his own son.

Camacho ruled that there was no kidnapping as a detective even testified that the child was very protective of his father. The judge only found probable cause as to the charges of resisting arrest and obstruction of justice. He imposed a \$2,000 cash bail.

Assistant public defender Eden Schwartz served as counsel for Tudela.

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very grateful to all our officers for making sure to get out the child safely," Deleon Guerrero said.

The TRET members recovered an airgun near the door.

Tudela, 39, used to work as a field technician for the NMI Council for the Humanities.

The commissioner, along with Tudela's mother and brother, initially negotiated with Tudela for him to surrender or turn over the child but he refused.

The Superior Court issued an arrest warrant for Tudela on Wednesday for allegedly threatening to kill a neighbor and her family.

When police detectives proceeded to the suspect's house at 7:45pm to serve the warrant, Tudela ran inside the house and locked the door. He then allegedly threatened to kill the officers. He also allegedly threatened to kill himself and his son

by midnight.

He then placed furniture and a refrigerator against the inside of the front door.

Police pulled back from the house and the TRET was activated. Officers put a command post at the fire station in Kagman.

When officers went to the front door again, they heard a "charging" or "racking" sound of a rifle. The officers learned that Tudela's son was inside the house.

Deleon Guerrero and chief prosecutor Shelli Neal also responded to the scene.

Using a megaphone, Deleon Guerrero tried to convince Tudela to surrender and let the child out, but he only responded with profanities.

The child was heard crying for several hours but he then quieted down after midnight.

At one time, officers gave the suspect a bottle of water after he asked for some. Officers also dropped a two-way radio on the front door so they could communicate with him but Tudela

did not pick up the radio and continued cussing and making irrational statements such as "I am the prophecy."

With Tudela's earlier threat to kill himself and his son by midnight, Deleon Guerrero made the decision at 1:45am for the tactical team to forcibly enter the house and rescue the child.

TRET members, under the supervision of Sgt. Anthony Macaranas, barged through the door and a window at 2:45am. About 20 to 30 other police officers also responded to the scene.

"It's a long eight hours," Macaranas said.

Tudela was taken to Superior Court twice yesterday.

In the morning, Tudela was brought to court on charges of assault and disturbing the peace over his alleged threat to kill his neighbor and her family. Judge Joseph N. Camacho imposed a \$750 cash bail.

In the afternoon, Tudela was taken before Camacho again after assistant public defender Robert H. Myers Jr. filed an

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ployer abuse of their workers because an agency taking over some functions of the ombudsman's office is showing bias from the start. Just because he knows the employers does not mean the employers are not abusing their workers," Marianas Advocates for Humanitarian Affairs Ltd. president Rene Reyes told *Saipan Tribune*.

Sobeck, along with Ombudsman Pam Brown, held a closed-door meeting with representatives of foreign worker groups in the CNMI on Wednesday night, to hear their concerns about the planned closure of the ombudsman's office some two months from now.

The workers represent those from the Philippines, China, Korea, and India, among others.

"Ms. Sobeck said the closure of the ombudsman's office is already imminent, and so we asked about the agencies that will absorb the ombudsman's office functions. Ms. Sobeck said she will bring our questions and concerns back to Washington, D.C. for answers," Reyes added.

Since 1999, the ombudsman's office has helped refer to CNMI and federal agencies thousands of foreign workers who were victims of labor abuses, human trafficking, sex trafficking, illegal recruitment, wage theft, contract violations, rape, assault and battery, false imprisonment and torture, among other things.

Reyes and other worker group leaders asked Sobeck for a "transition" period before finally closing the ombudsman's office.

Sobeck earlier told *Saipan Tribune* that Interior will be meeting with agencies that the ombudsman's office work with on a regular basis in preparation for the ombudsman's office's closure. These include the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, to name a few.

Interior, in responding to *Saipan Tribune* questions, said yesterday that "Sobeck's trip to the CNMI is, in part, for her to assess what's needed as part of

the transition and what responsibilities and functions will be absorbed in the absence of the ombudsman's office, among other things."

"Those details are not available at this time," the Interior statement said.

Patrick Candoleta, the U.S. Labor Assistant District Director for Guam and the CNMI, said Wednesday that workers with wage issues and labor concerns should go to the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division for assistance.

Not too many workers in the CNMI know about their presence, he said, adding that they want their presence to be felt more.

Bonifacio Sagana, president of Dekada Movement, said that extending the ombudsman's office operations is necessary because the federal government has yet to decide on the CNMI's request to extend the transitional CW program.

If the transition period ends on Dec. 31, 2014, as scheduled, the CNMI will lose access to over 12,000 skilled and professional foreign workers that the tourism-based local economy has relied upon for decades.

Most of these workers do not qualify for H visas, among other things.

Sagana said that, while Sobeck didn't have immediate answers to their questions and concerns, he has faith that she will bring their concerns to those in charge in Washington, D.C.

The Dekada Movement president said that workers also asked Sobeck whether Interior is following up on its May 2010 recommendation to Congress to grant improved immigration status to long-term legal alien workers in the CNMI.

"She said it's now up to Congress," Sagana said.

A U.S. Senate bill reforming national immigration has a provision granting a pathway to citizenship to long-term, legal aliens in the CNMI, but worker groups said yesterday that this was a longer pathway compared to what Interior had recommended in 2010, which included an outright grant of U.S. citizenship.

USCIS: Most initial CW petitions, renewals approved

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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services has approved 77 percent or 4,478 "extension" CW petitions submitted and at least 84 percent or 10,320 "initial" CW petitions filed since 2011, but the U.S. Department of Labor has yet to decide on the CNMI's request to extend by five years the transitional foreign worker program ending on Dec. 31, 2014.

CW refers to the transitional "Commonwealth-only worker" program.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos has yet to receive communication from the U.S. Department of Labor, as of yesterday, regarding the CNMI's request to extend the transitional CW program, press secretary Angel Demapan said.

The CNMI would lose access to an estimated 12,000 skilled, semi-skilled, and professional foreign workers if the transitional CW program is not extended.

USCIS press officer Claire Nicholson, in response to *Saipan Tribune's* request for data, said that from Oct. 7, 2011, through July 16, 2013, there were 10,320 beneficiaries—or CW workers—with approved

initial I-129CW petitions.

This is 84 percent of the total 12,339 workers petitioned for initial permits.

These beneficiaries were covered in 5,356 initial petitions filed by almost 2,000 employers.

A total of 696 initial petitions consisting of 1,234 beneficiaries or workers were denied.

Nicholson said yesterday that a total of 83 initial CW-I petitions are awaiting a response to an RFE, or request for evidence.

Extensions

A total of 4,478 beneficiaries or workers now have extension or renewal CW permits.

This is 77 percent of the total number of workers petitioned for extension or renewal permits as of July 16.

Nicholson said USCIS had data entered 3,026 extension I-129CW petitions, with the same employers.

These renewal petitions were filed by 1,138 different employers.

A total of 4,720 CW-I workers are sponsored in these petitions.

Of this number, 2,522 petitions were approved, consisting of 3,798 beneficiaries or workers.

A total of 10 petitions were denied, consisting of 21 beneficiaries.

All these were in addition to the 783 CW permit extension petitions filed by "other employers."

These petitions, filed by 406 different employers, covered 1,092 workers.

Of this number, 680 workers were approved to have CW permits.

A total of 23 petitions were denied, covering 34 beneficiaries.

USCIS' revised cap for CW-I permits is 15,000, a 33-percent drop from the previous 22,416 limit, at a time when the tourism industry is picking up. The 15,000-cap could drop further later this year.

A bipartisan U.S. Senate bill

seeks to extend the CW program as well, but there is no telling

whether this legislation could move faster than any decision

the U.S. Labor may have on the CNMI's extension request.

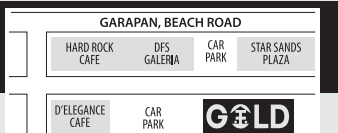
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Milk-stealing ex-convict gets 6-month sentence

An ex-convict who is notorious for stealing milk from stores on Saipan has pleaded guilty to resolve his four criminal cases without going to trial.

Vincent Ronald San Nicolas Muña, 27, signed last week a "global plea agreement," where he pleaded guilty to criminal mischief in a 2008 case, to theft in a 2012 case, and to two counts of theft in another 2012 case. He also admitted to violating his probation in a 2011 criminal conviction.

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman accepted the plea agreement and sentenced Muña to four years in prison, all suspended except for six months, with credit for time served. He will not be eligible for parole.

Muña will start serving his prison term on Monday, July 29, and will be released on Jan. 4, 2014.

Upon his release, Muña will

be placed on supervised probation for five years. He was ordered to perform 250 hours of community service, and pay a \$200 fine, \$75 court assessment fee, plus probation fee.

Muña was also directed to pay restitution to his victims: \$150 for Hi-Mart general manager Jeon Je Cheon; \$89.96 for LJ Store; and \$132.93 for Sara Market II.

A separate hearing will be held to determine the medical expenses and business losses associated with Muna's attack on Cheon.

During his probation, Muña is prohibited from having direct or indirect contact with Cheon, Hi Mart, Family Market, Sarah Market, and LJ II Store.

In the Hi-Mart incident, the Office of the Attorney General charged Muña with two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon and one count of criminal mischief.

In the Family Market case, the OAG charged him with one count of theft and two counts of criminal contempt.

In the LJ Store case, Muña was charged with two counts of theft and four counts of criminal contempt.

Muña tried to steal a case of Enfamil milk from Hi-Mart in Dandan on Jan. 14, 2008. When the owner, Cheon, tried to stop him, Muña threw a rock inside the store and damaged some store merchandise, including lights and toys valued at less than \$250.

On Aug. 4, 2012, Muña stole two plastic jars of coffee from Family Market. At the time, he was on probation.

On Aug. 8, 2012, Muña stole two containers of Similac milk from LJ II Store. On Aug. 10, 2012, he again stole two containers of Similac from the same store. At the time, he was on probation.

Muña's plea deal will result in the dismissal of all other charges in the three cases.

In October 2011, Wiseman slapped Muña with a 14-day prison term for stealing sev-

en containers of milk worth \$132.93 from Sara Market on Capital Hill.

In April 2007, Muña and a 17-year-old boy were arrested shortly after a security guard

caught them allegedly shoplifting some items at the former Price Costco in San Jose. The guard was injured when the teenager struggled. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

Docomo: 600 Mb needed for 'real-time' TV programming

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In order to give CNMI residents "real-time" TV programming, Docomo Pacific said it needs at least 600 megabits of undersea fiber bandwidth, according to its general manager, James Nelson.

"As far as bandwidth needed, 600 Mb is a starting point just to get 'real-time' TV programming to the CNMI. All we're looking for is a fair price for all concerned. We're not the only customers of IT&E. I'm certain that there are other businesses in the CNMI, both large and small, that would appreciate it," said Nelson.

Nelson, whose company recently acquired MCV Broad-

band for \$130 million, earlier stated that the prohibitive cost of undersea fiber bandwidth is hindering it from not only finally introducing "real time" TV programming to the Commonwealth but also a slew of other services.

He also clarified that the \$600,000 a month cost of undersea fiber bandwidth he referred to during the Saipan Chamber of Commerce meeting earlier this month came from an MCV Broadband study.

"Prior to finalizing the MCV purchase, former MCV CEO Craig Thompson researched the cost based on current IT&E rates of \$1,000 per Mb and how much bandwidth would be needed to bring 'real-time' cable

TV to the CNMI. In this case, we would need at a minimum 600 Mb. That is where we got the \$600K figure. If we wanted to provide high definition TV, we would need 980 Mb."

He said Docomo Pacific currently has no plans to meet with IT&E to negotiate the cost of undersea fiber bandwidth. "We're waiting for them to respond to our request for pricing and information," he said.

IT&E CEO Danilo "Bong" Mojica said his company is open to talks with Docomo Pacific. "... [I]t doesn't mean we're not going to talk to them about the undersea cable. This is a free enterprise. They are our customers. So they can come to us and we can talk about what they need."

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Action on land compensation claims eyed once Fund is stable

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The Inos administration acknowledged the government's long-standing obligation to private landowners who are owed land compensation claims but admits that nothing can be done at this time to resolve the issue.

This is because the government is faced with more pressing issues that must be prioritized, according to press secretary Angel A. Demapan.

He said the stability of the pension program administered by the NMI Retirement Fund is the government's prime priority at this time.

He assured, though, that land compensation claims remain on the list of concerns that would be next on its plan of action.

"The administration recognizes that there still remains a large amount of pending land compensation claims. However, this is a matter that needs to be jointly addressed by the administration and the Legislature as it would entail appropriation of funds to satisfy this obligation," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune*.

According to Department of Public Lands deputy secretary



Demapan

Pete Itibus, there are over 300 families who have been waiting to be paid by the government for lands acquired by the government decades ago for road projects and such.

On Saipan alone, the government needs about \$80 million to retire its obligation with 240 families.

This is on top of over a hundred private landowners on Rota who are also waiting for their land compensation, estimated at over \$20 million.

Demapan said that land compensation is one of the reasons why the administration is pushing for revenue-generating measures such as the Saipan casino

measure and the video lottery, among others.

"The Saipan casino measure, for example, provides that 85 percent of revenues will be appropriated to the Retirement Fund until the government's debt has been satisfied. Once that has been made whole, the measure then provides that the revenues be directed to other pressing issues such as land compensation claims and scholarship," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune*.

The bottom line, he added, is that the government needs to generate new revenues to meet its financial obligations.

DPL's revenue from government land leases cannot be used to pay for land compensation claims. Under the law, these

funds must be transmitted to the Marianas Public Land Trust for investment. Earnings from these investments go to the general fund, which the government then uses for its

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The government last paid land compensation claims in 2000 when it floated a \$40 million bond, of which \$28 million went to land compensation claims.

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A shocker: House gets something right

The following editorial appeared in the Los Angeles Times on Tuesday, July 23:

It isn't often that the House gets it right on immigration reform, at least not in recent years. Yet it has done so with the Border Security Results Act of 2013, a sensible piece of legislation that has miraculously emerged from the Committee on Homeland Security and that strikes a fair balance between enforcement and fiscal responsibility.

Unlike the Senate's approach, which throws \$46 billion at the U.S.-Mexican border without any real strategy behind it, the House bill would require the Department of Homeland Security to provide a status report on illegal crossings and develop a strategy to thwart the vast majority of unauthorized entries.

The House and Senate bills share some of the same goals, including calling for a dramatic increase in surveillance of the border and ensuring that 90 percent of those attempting to cross illegally are either turned back or arrested. But the House bill would require far more analysis before spending billions for more boots on the ground and additional technology.

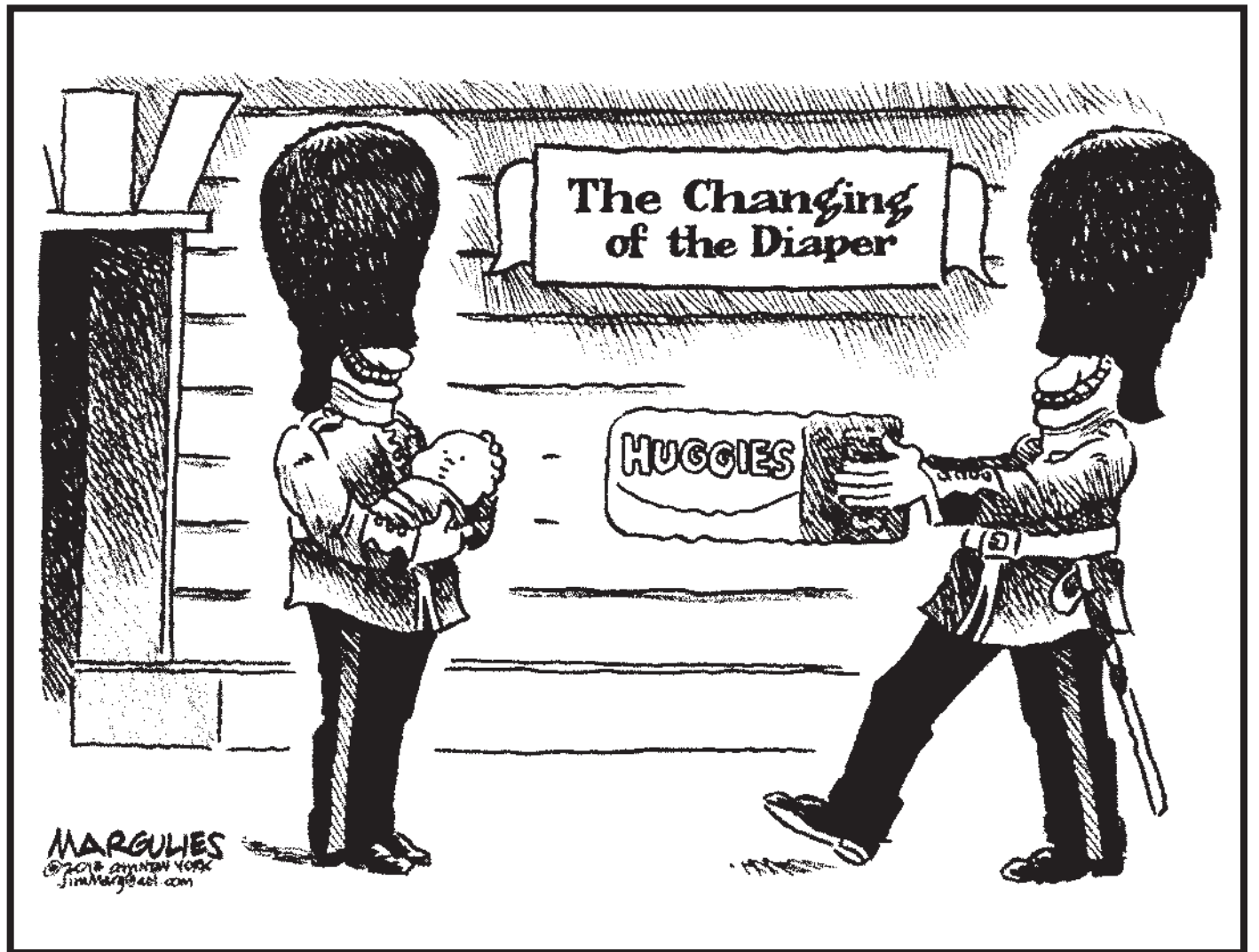
For example, the House bill calls on Homeland Security, as part of its status report, to identify high-traffic areas within three months of the bill becoming law. The department would have another 30 days to create metrics to measure the state of border security. Within nine months of the bill's approval, the department would have to have a border security strategy up and running. Only after those benchmarks were met would Congress provide additional funding for expanding the strategy across the entire border.

The bill also demands far more accountability from the department, including progress reports to Congress and Government Accountability Office oversight. Unlike the Senate bill, it does not tie the promise of a path to citizenship for millions of immigrants who are illegally in the U.S. to border security, which is outside their control.

Much of the credit for the bill belongs to Reps. Michael McCaul, R-Texas, the chairman of the committee, and Candice S. Miller, R-Mich., the vice chair, both of whom worked across the aisle and consulted with academics and experts rather than give in to the arbitrary demands of some GOP House members who feel that nothing short of a U.S. version of the Great Wall of China will guarantee border security.

On Tuesday, the committee is scheduled to hold hearings to compare the House and Senate approaches to border security. We hope that McCaul and Miller continue to prove that some House Republicans are still capable of having a sane and credible discussion on immigration reform.

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Nuclear past, drowning future

It is the number of conical-cylindrical flask-shaped broiler stacks in China's electric plants that sent shivers down our spine. We saw too many of them on a 40-hour train ride from Shenyang in Liaoning to Chengdu in Sichuan, and back. I have come to associate them with nuclear plant disasters in the Three-mile Island of the U.S., Chernobyl of the old USSR, and Japan's Fukushima.

Our title is an upgrade of a 2009 book by Giff Johnson, editor of the *Marshall Islands Journal*, a local weekly out of Majuro, *Nuclear Past, Unclear Future*.

We had nodding acquaintance with the Republic of the Marshall Island's Sen. Tony deBrum, an advocate for a nuclear-free republic, a foreign affairs minister, and now the president's minister-in-assistance. In this last role, he pointed out this February before the UN Security Council the irony that while the U.S. tests missiles in his country to safeguard the skies, the atolls of the Marshall Islands are drowning as a consequence of climate change. There's nothing unclear about RMI's future; it is going underwater!

I did not know Giff Johnson personally, nor his wife, the late Darlene Keju who married him in her outer island home of Wotje in 1982, a year before she made her speech re the effect of the U.S. nuclear testing in Bikini and Eniwetok to the '83 World Council of Churches meeting in Canada.

The determination of the U.S. military to get its imperial strategic occupation of the real estate in the northern half of the Pacific west of Hawai'i is bullish and unstoppable. RMI's Kwajalein even goes by California's day although it is across the international dateline. The Marianas' Afghan death toll per capita is high, but that's because enlistment and the GI Bill is one of the few recourse of the island youths' upward mobility.

I was in despair in '82 over the human development thrust of my group in the Marshall Islands. Our attempt to accelerate economic development from the bottom-up was not only costly but was just Band-Aid operation in the world's top-down globalization. My colleagues knew all about that but we were stubborn. Our Chicago-based efforts were adding more to the culture of dependency on Uncle Sam, palliatives to the enormous challenge faced by the emerging political entities on the eastern end of Micronesia.

We were also spending our supporters' life savings, all ordinary folks, without transparent accountability, as we poured more investments over bad ones just so we would look good to the microeconomic development community.

My despair is not the subject of this reflection, though I took a sabbatical from my group the year Darlene gave her WCC speech to serve the United Methodist Church in Guam. That was like oil splattering off the frying pan into the fire! Guam was, and still is, a U.S. military island beholden to a military-industrial complex that has the nation by the balls.

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Giff Johnson added to his writings the biography of Darlene Keju, *Don't Ever Whisper*, who died at the age of 45 while pursuing the truth regarding the extent of the damage caused by U.S. nuclear bomb tests done in her neighborhood.

Darlene's biography relates her awareness of the limits and possibilities of her upbringing and circumstances; nonetheless, she decided to use her life to awaken others to painful realities of the way life is. "Yes, I did" (our characterization) is considerably a more valuable witness in the arsenal of the human spirit than all the protests we can muster against nuclear bombs.

The diminutive Marshallese girl conquered a language, the cultural ways of Jack and Jill, went up against mighty Uncle Sam's militant posturing, and displayed an incorrigible act of self-determination.

Yes, we do mind the danger of nuclear power chosen as the energy source of Third World and developing countries, the bone of contention in the debates regarding Syria, Iran, and North Korea, the unclear disposal of the arsenal controlled by the U.S., England, France, China, India, et al, and the alleged ordnance held under the radar by Israel, South Korea, and Japan.

We live upwind from Fukushima. It was revealed that one of the reactors that went haywire after a tsunami hit was actually in the process of refining weapons-grade nuclear material. While there has not been any indication that the fish I eat from the Sea of Japan had been affected, nor radioactivity been detected in the fruits and vegetables I consume, we know that radioactive fallout had been detected as far afield as Indiana. This tells us that radiation knows no bounds when nuclear rain occurs on this planet.

Ironically, nuclear power is technically clean energy without the soot. Unfortunately, judgments on its use are made more from the profit side of ledgers rather than its potential in weaning us, with maximum safeguards, from the stranglehold of fossil fuel.

In our limited Marshallese, we remember "Yokwe," which, like our Hawaiian "Aloha," serves both salutation of "Hello" and "Goodbye." Yes, "Yokwe" to Darlene's memory, "Yokwe" to nuclear bombs loud and clear, but let us refrain from saying "Yokwe" to a drowning RMI. We shan't dare whisper that last one either!

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Ships and gimlet eyes

When it comes to the west Pacific's evolving military scene, especially in the naval realm, you don't need me to tell you that Russia is one of the more serious players in the area. Russia has been in the navy business before the United States was, well, the United States. In fact, the father of the U.S. Navy, John Paul Jones, was never promoted to admiral in his own fleet. He later left to ply his trade in Imperial Russia, where he finally became an admiral.

After that gig ran its course, Jones, one of the most swashbuckling characters in history, wound up unemployed in Paris. He died there at the not-so-ripe age of 45. That man lived fast.

Paris is, of course, far away. But Russia isn't. As Russia modernizes its navy it has two large warships on order from France. The order raised quite a few eyebrows, since we're not exactly used to seeing Russia turning to France for major armaments.

So, what the heck, let's smell the sea spray today. If you'll step aside for a moment, I'll assume command of my beach chair and put on my plastic eye patch for full nautical effect.

As for the ships at issue, they are Mistral-class amphibious assault ships. They can accommodate 450 combat-loaded troops (twice that number in a pinch), dozens of helicopters, as well as tanks and other tools of the trade. They have a hospital on board as well.

The troops can be launched to shore via embedded landing craft that are hatched from the ship's belly, and the helicopters, of course, provide air support, supplies, and medical evacuation back to the ship's hospital.

I mentioned this just because it's one of those things that has a lot

of buzz in naval circles but doesn't see much, if any, mention in the general media, so I just thought I'd point it out.

What I don't need to point out, since anyone in Saipan's general region already knows it, is that amphibious assaults are a grizzly business if you're up against a serious customer. My dad, a World War II veteran of the battle of Okinawa, lost some of his college classmates on Iwo Jima, one of many Pacific names that history has written in blood. And, as the Okinawa battle shows, it's not just the beach that is hazardous, it's the seas and the skies in the area as well. Dad was wounded in action when his destroyer was hit by a kamikaze.

The U.S. Navy didn't rest on its laurels after WWII, and right now it is floating two new classes of warships for the "amphib" realm.

One is the San Antonio (LPD 17) class of amphibious transport dock ships, which has a crew of 363 and accommodations for a landing force of about 700 to 800 Marines.

Another class of ships, twice the bulk of the San Antonio class, is the America (LHA 6) class of amphibious assault ships. These are kinda' sorta' a smaller form of aircraft carrier, hosting helicopters as well as vertical take off and landing (VTOL) jets such as the AV-8B Harrier and the F-35B. The ship's crew is 1,059 people. It also accommodates around 1,700 Marines as a landing force. That, my friends, is a lot of punch.

As I understand it, both the San Antonio class and the America class are still rolling out of the shipyards. I have never even seen such a modern ship, much less been on one. But if I can ever get my color printer working again, I can print out a picture to put over my desk.

Anyway, the notion of projecting naval power onto land isn't some quaint relic from old books, but is at the forefront of modern doctrine and efforts.

Meanwhile, there will be many smaller militaries that don't have

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the need, much less the money, to operate such vessels. The modern elephant in that room is the anti-ship cruise missile. Argentina used these effectively against the U.K. in the Falklands war (1982). Sure, that's just one example out of many battles in the world, but I think that a small power that deploys these things intelligently (most won't; some will) might prove to be a prickly porcupine for any uninvited guests floating toward its shores.

Well, so much for all that stuff.

So let's gun for a happy ending, shall we? I'll share a hunch: I think the Pacific is likely to avoid any more giant wars, at least in the near future. While there will certainly be brinksmanship, skirmishes, and battles, I think it's unlikely that the large powers will go into full smash-mouth mode against each other. Are maps going to be redrawn? Of course; they always are. Still, it looks likely that the evolution of the region will be slow and incremental, with the occasional Pac-Man bite at the strategic apple now and then, instead of a cataclysmic conflict between great powers.

Like I say, that's just a hunch. I could be wrong. So I'm going to remove my eye patch now and free both of my gimlet eyes to scan the horizon, just in case.

Sunset isn't a destination

We try to figure out how we landed in the abyss or quicksand of bankruptcy in recent past. But it's widely known throughout these Taga Stone isles that it's attributable to the deployment of the apparel industry elsewhere, doubled down by the exodus of other foreign capital to the cumulative tune of some \$7 billion. Thus the unprecedented trip to fiscal meltdown.

Sad how we've lost world-renowned apparel vendors. It was clientele that took several years to build and stabilize confidence with. They made the CNMI the hub for top-of-the-line clothing unmatched anywhere else in the world.

It created what's known as "value," meaning it stirred the establishment of more businesses, employment, and synergistic relationship among stakeholders. It's gone! Then came the exodus of the more reputable investors who thought with their feet and decided to walk off permanently too.

This was dovetailed by federalization of immigration and minimum wage that put a once thriving industry into the ash heap of history or economic annihilation. We pine for leadership warriors, only to see our search for it buried in useless "followership."

The decline of the economy also forced more than 2,000 of our people to relocate elsewhere in search of greener pastures. The combined deployment of the apparel industry and exodus of major investors and our own people left behind a ghost town with far less population base. Economic deterioration persists, its revival analogous to forcing Niagara Falls to reverse direction.

With a cumulative deficit of \$740 million while revenue streams snail up the slippery trunk of suspect investment, I quiz how much longer must we embrace the role of passive observers of events to unfold or would not it be best if we proactively pursue our vision of the future? I'm still convinced that sailing into the sunset (nihilism) isn't the answer!

Revisiting homework

Money, specifically the lack of it, is the centerpiece of discussion in most quarters and coffee shops here. I think the casual discussion

has turned irrelevant. It's time to return to the table if only to explore what among pillars of investment require critical review and proactive disposition. Our collective goal is economic growth. Thus we must review the following:

Federalization of minimum wage per the economic report issued by an economist of First Hawaiian Bank.

The arcane tax system that could very well be one of major culprit suffocating investments.

Federalization of immigration and how this has sent investors elsewhere, unsure of what to make of the new way of doing things here.

The high cost of utilities that has literally forced businesses to close shop and move elsewhere in recent past.

Is our government politically stable where corruption is a thing of the past or is personal interest over the interest of governance still the rule of thumb?

It's time to embrace "wealth and jobs creation," the centerpiece of growth agenda among governors throughout the union. Indeed, there are days when our train of thought may suffer disconnection. Do not despair for these are part and whole exercise of rebuilding an economy.

No matter the difficulties, I'm still convinced that in spite of the hardship before us, it is more the reason to rally behind leadership to remove investment constraints that have annihilated economic growth. If we have to build a case on the irrelevancy and destructive effects of federalization of immigration and minimum wage, then such a course of action must be done forthwith. It's a do-or-die situation!

Pains of economic annihilation

About four years ago, I heard local folk taking an exodus to Guam, Hawaii, and various states across the country. Initially, I thought it was just a figment of my imagination.

But it was reality in every form and shape. It was the idea triggered by hopelessness trapped in unemployment and the very slow process to changing such condition to something positive. They saw our fiscal boat smashing into a huge iceberg. They weren't ready to

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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go down with it.

I've met some of these folks between Guam, Hawaii, Washington, California, Nevada, and Texas. They're happy campers and ever grateful for deciding to move out of the way of our Marianas *Titanic*.

In fact, they've organized a small committee to help newcomers with housing, shopping centers, hospital, schools, church, car dealers, etc. Around the holiday season, they organize a big gathering bringing potluck dishes—ones we cook here at home—to share with everyone.

The relocation reawakened that powerful sense of community that was once the forte of these isles in the late '50s. However far away from home, there's that sense of care and communal obligation to extend a hand to those in dire need of help. Perhaps it's the most gratifying aspect of their search for greener pasture.

Personally, I was caught muted in the tortuous corner of my mind quizzing: Need we force them away from home? Is this the promise of "better times?" Is their forced displacement an issue to leave at the feet of yet another failed promise of "let it be?" Nah! Let's take back what's ours and rebuild it to a paradise, as we know it.

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It's exasperating the obvious disconnect between the low-lying villages and the hill or I Deni'. I often wonder if it's time to hang it up and just "Make the world go away". Nah! Not for as long as I could move the tip of my pencil. It's a matter of personal responsibility, a thankless personal assignment slowly gathering storm among the multitude ready to rally behind the call to fix our teeny paradise. Encouraging the muted voices of the multitude!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Be not afraid

This is regarding the newly formed Northern Marianas Descent Corp. that is opposed to allowing for an "improved-status" for guests workers on island.

Their opposition is that "it will alter and disrupt the social, political, and economic livelihood and aspirations of the indigenous peoples of the Northern Marianas who are of Northern Marianas descent."

This is a troubling statement. We have socially, politically, and economically been altered since we became the CNMI. There are many families marrying outside the Chamorro and Caroline lines.

The process of change is well in progress and there is no force that can stop it. Look closely as you will most likely find that one of your family members may be married to a non-NMD.

Furthermore, our Constitution does not mention anything about indigenous people. The CNMI Constitution defines Northern Marianas descent (NMD) based on a political framework. Rather than elaborate here on who is considered a person of NMD, it would be highly advisable to read Article 12. None of us are indigenous as we all came from someplace else.

Are we saying that after so many years of growth, we are still so unprepared and vulnerable that we need to keep competitors out? I feel we have grown and that we indeed can compete worldwide.

It is my opinion that the right thing to do (perhaps even the Christian way) is to support those workers and their families who have been with us for at least five years, have paid taxes, are law abiding and have contributed to our growth a chance for an improved status. By the way, many have known nothing but the CNMI as their home.

We need people. We are way too small by ourselves to generate the much needed economic activities to keep us all alive. We should not be afraid of expanding and joining the world community.






Efrain F. Camacho

Navy Hill, Saipan

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲89 ▼81
Palau	Showers	▲85 ▼75
Yap	Showers	▲91 ▼77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲87 ▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼74
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼74
Majuro	Showers	▲85 ▼80

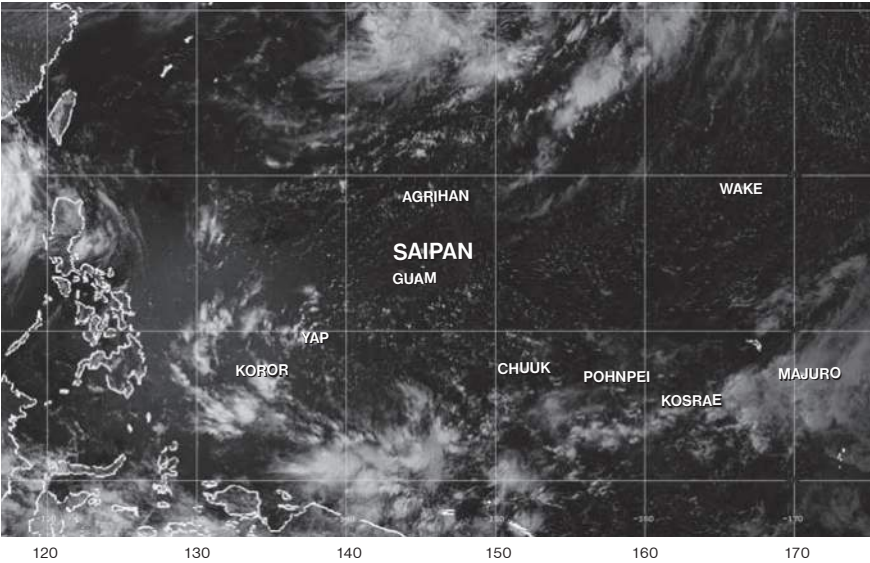
Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲59 ▼50
Beijing	Thundershowers	▲82 ▼74
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲86 ▼81
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲86 ▼74
London	Cloudy	▲78 ▼59
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲80 ▼65
Manila	Thundershowers	▲90 ▼79
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲62 ▼42
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲93 ▼75
New York	Showers	▲74 ▼65
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲93 ▼78
Paris	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼66
Pusan	Windy	▲89 ▼76
Rome	Sunny	▲91 ▼72
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲90 ▼55
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲66 ▼55
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲86 ▼72
Tokyo	Thunderstorms	▲88 ▼75
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲82 ▼67

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
5:24 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.7 Feet
10:41 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
5:29 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.0 Feet
11:54 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2013
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Convergent southwest winds are generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms around Minami Tori Shima within 75 miles of a line from 20N151E to 25N156E. A surface trough extends southeastward from 11N130E to a weak circulation centered at 4N139E then continues further southeastward to EQ145E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present around Koror within 80 miles of a line curving around Koror from 11N135E to 8N130E to 3N137E and well south of Yap and Guam between the equator and 3N from 136E to 148E. Convergent trade winds are triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms southeast of Chuuk between 3N and 6N from 152E to 155E and south of Pohnpei within 75 miles of a line curving eastward from 3N156E to 4N160E to 5N160E. Trade-wind convergence is triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms from east of Kosrae and over Majuro between 3N and 9N from 167E to east of the dateline.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:58 AM	6:49 PM
Saturday	5:58 AM	6:49 PM
Sunday	5:58 AM	6:49 PM
Monday	5:59 AM	6:48 PM
Tuesday	5:59 AM	6:48 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	9:32 PM	9:06 AM
Saturday	10:15 PM	10:01 AM
Sunday	10:58 PM	10:54 AM
Monday	11:41 PM	11:46 AM
Tuesday		12:38 AM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7	UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:35am	9:25am	Daily	UA5073	10:00am	10:50am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
UA5074	11:20am	12:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily	UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily	UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily				
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:25pm	Daily	DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	1, 4, 5, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	1, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	4:10am	8:00am	1, 5	MU763	7:55pm	3:10am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-KHABAROVSK (KHV)				KHABAROVSK (KHV)-SAIPAN			
SYL9950	6:40pm	1:30am+1	7	SYL9949	12:45pm	5:20pm	7
SAIPAN-VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)				VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)-SAIPAN			
XF1734	4:15pm	10:30pm	4 Every other week eff May 16	XF1733	11:20am	3:25pm	4 Every other week eff May 16
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	PR110/UA5072	7:55am	6:25pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	DL172/288	8:00am	12:50am+1	Daily via NRT
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	6 via GUM	UA190/5077	10:55am	6:25pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA5062/191	4:50am	9:55am	3 via GUM	UA190/5079	10:55am	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:05pm	Daily via NRT	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5068/PR111	8:35am	4:35pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
US5074/PR111	11:20am	4:35pm	1, 5, 7 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM	OZ704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/5071	11:35pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN				
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ604/745	3:30pm	10:40pm	Daily via ICN	UA180/5071	10:45pm	8:05am+1	1, 5 via GUM
				UA180/5071	10:50pm	8:05am+1	3, 6 GUM

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ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan							
FRE 1750	17:50	18:20	Daily	Tinian-Saipan			
Saipan-Rota				FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 400				FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily				
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily				



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- *11 on any PTI cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Indigenous or not

In Mr. Segundo Castro's letter to the editor, "You don't represent me," it appears that the writer is a person of a non-indigenous backdrop. Why would Mr. Castro raise concern about a non-profit organization that advocates for the indigenous people of the Northern Mariana Islands? If you think your status is that of a non-indigenous person of the NMI, does it really matter that these indigenous people are connected and share a common interest as the people of the NMI?

Let all be reminded that the reference "the people of the CNMI" say about the people who toiled and preserved these islands and were descendants of people who were indigenous to these islands.

If Mr. Castro is disconnecting himself from the blood lineage of

descendants before him, why would Mr. Castro think that the future of all indigenous people of the NMI would matter to him if he is not one of them? It is not that one is being represented by some superior authority, but rather whether one is an indigenous person. It is either you are indigenous or not. If you are not, why should you be concerned about the indigenous people fighting to take control of these islands that were preserved and saved by their descendants before them? The caveat to Mr. Castro, fight your fight as a non-indigenous person, and we will pursue ours as indigenous people of the NMI. There is nothing wrong to say and be proud to proclaim oneself as a person who finds meaning in and with a group of unique people who recognize themselves as indigenous people of these islands because we are the people of the NMI.

Francisco R. Agulto
Kannat Tabla, Saipan

The rats that prey on tourists

Yes, we hear all the time stories of tourists being robbed or burglarized. This is pretty common. This is an unending problem that happens everywhere in the world. Well, we can do something about it. Storeowners catch the same type of behavior using CCTV. Perhaps the government should invest in this technology in areas frequented by tourists where electricity is available or, in areas that have no electricity, solar technology can be used for electricity. Now if the issue is cost, perhaps a motion sensor camera can be installed with battery power to help police capture these rats. Slugs and slimy they are.

Remember that tourism is at present the most important revenue source for our economy and we should not just stand aside and watch tourists being robbed at tourist sites. I agree,

The fact of the matter

The immigration commotions that have rocked many in the CNMI at the beginning of the arrival of the Homeland Security have turned into silent mufflers at the end of the day.

Many who were electrocuted by the arrival of Homeland Security are now agreeing in consensus that it's safer to be electrocuted by CUC than to be electrocuted by the feds.

Rather than waste many energized commotions needlessly, associated with many honky horns, painted placards, sticky bumper stickers, deafening loudspeakers, and other fanfare dramas, it would have been better if everything was done peacefully and Kilili was left alone to handle the situation properly and orderly.

Those who panicked had a picnic at Kilili Beach. Those who

this can really hurt our industry. Our government hires so much personnel that letting go of a few can finance this simple project. We have to protect the industry and we have to care of our tourists.

It is useless for MVA to keep spending on promotions for tourists to visit us and not spend on protecting those that are already on hand. Do something and get those clowns and rats in their proper place. That is, cage them for life and throw away the keys at the Marianas Trench.

Frank M. Atalig
Sinapalo I, Rota

were woriless had a daylight antic excursion ride in their 1957 Chevy sedans down to the same spot, Kilili Beach. Whether Kilili was there at Kilili Beach, the fact of the matter was a matter of the fact that Kilili was supposed to be left alone to get the job done in Washington, D.C.

Now that Homeland Security is here we must all extend our welcoming hands in one spirit and cooperation. Like it or not, Homeland Security is here to stay in the CNMI forever and forever more.

Martin M. Sakisat
Garapan, Saipan

Sell CUC

For years our government leaders have talked about "taking CUC private." Of course this means to sell CUC. It may now be the time to carry out this idea in a serious way. The question I now ask our leaders is: Can we sell CUC and use the proceeds from the sale to help the Retirement Fund? I know that various legislatures have considered the idea of selling CUC in the past, usually in the hope that new management could address the poor performance of the company. Now that the power performance seems to have improved, we may now have a viable enterprise to sell. It could be a win-win situation—money for the Retirement Fund and improved electric power supply for the people.

The CNMI is still facing dire financial problems. Just look at Detroit for example. The city has gone bankrupt and now the State of Michigan is looking for Detroit's assets to sell in order to pay off the public debt. If we do not take firm action here at home we might find ourselves in a similar situation.

I hope that our leaders will consider this as a positive suggestion to help our people live better lives with a freedom from fear of not having their retirement incomes, and the security of a better run power company.

Frank Stewart
Capital Hill, Saipan

Message of appreciation

The members of the MHS Class of '73 Alumni Association would like to extend their heartfelt appreciation to those individuals and businesses that donated generously either in cash, in-kind, or services to their 40th Year Class Reunion celebration. The success of this occasion depended on your magnanimity. Thank you to Retsa Development Inc., Joeten Enterprises, JET Holdings, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Elizabeth S. Balajadia, Hafadai Beach Hotel, Carmen B. Sablan, Northpac Corp., City Trust Bank, Double Lee, Tan Siu Lin Foundation, Pete L. Igitol, Benjamin A. Sablan, Luen Fung Enterprises, I Love Saipan, Tony Blas Cabrera, Saipan Mayor's Office, Ben Borja, Meridian Surveying Co., Fr. Rey "Nonoy" Telic, Pauline Dlg. Kapi- leo, Maggie S. Naputi, Vivian Seman-Taitano, Pacific Islands Club, Mobil Oil Micronesia, Kevin's Supermarket, Gold's Gym, Sen. Frank Q. Cruz, Detry Pumping Service, J & G Enterprises, Marianas Variety, Get Covered Enterprises, Saipan Tribune, KKMP 92.1 Radio Station, Rep. Mario Taitano, Tricia P. Cabrera, M/M James P. Reyes, Diane M. Sablan, Joeten ACE Hardware, and Yaong Enterprises.

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Joeten Motors donates 2013 Ford Escape as TOC hole-in-one prize

The excitement of the upcoming 18th Annual Tournament of Champions has just been raised by Joeten Motors' donation of a brand new 2013 Ford Escape as a hole-in-one prize.

"As in previous years, the Tournament of Champions raises funds for important community projects, and we want to be a part of that effort by offering this hole-in-one prize," said Matthew Deets, general manager of Joeten Motors.

"Joeten Motors has consistently been a part of the success of the Tournament of Champions, and we are glad the company is joining us this year as a gold sponsor again," said Ben Babauta, tournament director.

The 18th Annual Tournament of Champions will be played at the LaoLao Bay Golf and Resort's east and west courses on Aug. 3 and 4.

First place winners in the Men's Championship, A, B, C, Senior and Super Senior Flights will each receive \$500 cash, \$400 for second, \$300 for third, a digital camera to fourth, and \$100 DFS gift certificate for fifth place.

The Ladies Low Gross champion will receive \$500, \$400 for second, and \$300 for third place. The first, second, and third place winners of the Ladies Low Net will receive a trophy.

There are hundreds of thousands of dollars of possible prizes at stake in the two-day tour-



Joeten Motors general manager Matt Deets, second from left, and other company representatives present the key to a brand new Ford Escape to Tournament of Champions director Ben Babauta, leftmost, and TOC planning committee members. The vehicle will be used as a hole-in-one prize for the upcoming Tournament of Champions Golf Tournament on Aug. 3-4.

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namment, including hole-in-one prizes on both the east and west courses that include a Hyundai Accent from Triple J Motors, one year of free golf from Saipan Laolao, two business class tickets to the U.S. from Delta, a business class ticket to Europe and other non-U.S. destinations from Asiana Airlines, and many more.

The tournament will also be featuring \$1,000 cash prizes for closest to pin competitions.

Since its inception, TOC has given over \$500,000 to the Saipan Beautification Fund, which has gone directly to the improvements of the tree-lined traffic medians that stretch from Garapan to the former Palm Resort Saipan, as well as the re-

talization of the Garapan special district. In addition, TOC also contributed funds for the Paseo de Marianas, the lighting of the Saipan Beach Pathway, the beautification of the Port to Park pathway, and the revitalization of Mt. Tapochao.

"We are proud of our continued commitment to enhance the beauty of Saipan for our tourists and residents," Babauta said. "It is the generous support of our golfers, sponsors and committee members that make this event possible."

Registration for the two-day tournament is \$185, which includes a lunch banquet on the second day. Registration forms can be downloaded from www.tocaipan.com. Please register before 12pm on Friday, Aug. 2, 2013, by submitting registration form and registration fee at the first floor of DFS Galleria (next to Foreign Currency counter) or at Saipan Laolao. For more information about the event, contact Babauta at 483-2563 or Marida Pensader at 236-2530. (PR)

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Happy 2nd birthday to Alejandro Evans Castro Cabrera, better known as Ando! Today is your special day so enjoy it while it last with all the fun and laughter. Much love from Mommy, Taylor, and the family!

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Happy 7th birthday to Sean Ryan Villaluz! Greetings come from Mom and Dad.

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OAG disqualification in Buckingham case found moot

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman has found moot the issue of holding an evidentiary hearing in order for the attorney general to be heard on the court's earlier disqualification of the Office of the Attorney General from any case involving the alleged conspiracy to shield former AG Edward T. Buckingham from being served a penal summons.

In an order on Wednesday, Wiseman canceled the evidentiary hearing because it is already moot in view of the OAG's concurrence and reaffirmation of special prosecutor George Hasselback as prosecutor in this matter.

The judge said that during the scheduled July 18 evidentiary hearing, he received a stipulation to take the matter off calendar as the OAG no longer desires to be heard on the disqualification issue.

Attorney General Joey P. San Nicolas, Wiseman said, concurs and agrees that Office of the Public Auditor legal counsel Hasselback is to remain special prosecutor in this matter.

Last July 4, Wiseman set an evidentiary hearing pursuant to the CNMI Supreme Court's order directing the Superior Court to hold a hearing on the OAG's disqualification from any case involving the alleged co-conspirators of Buckingham.

The justices ruled that they have inadequate records to examine because no disqualification hearing was held.

The justices issued the order in granting the OAG's petition for a writ of mandamus. In that order, the justices stopped the criminal actions filed against former Department of Public Safety deputy commissioner Ambrosio Ogomoro and others related to the alleged conspiracy.

The justices directed the Superior Court to hold a hearing on the OAG's disqualification.

San Nicolas and assistant attorney general Charles Brasington had challenged the constitutionality of Wiseman's order disqualifying the entire OAG from the case without notice or an opportunity to respond. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

Prayer † to the HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit Thou who makes me see everything and show me the way to reach my ideal. You who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue, want to thank You for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from You no matter how great the material desires may be. I want to be with you and my loved ones in your perpetual glory. **AMEN.**

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NOTICE OF MEETING
NORTHERN MARIANAS COLLEGE
BOARD OF REGENTS' REGULAR MEETING

Date: Wednesday, July 31, 2013
Time: 9:30a.m.
Place: Northern Marianas College
BOR Conference Room
Saipan Campus

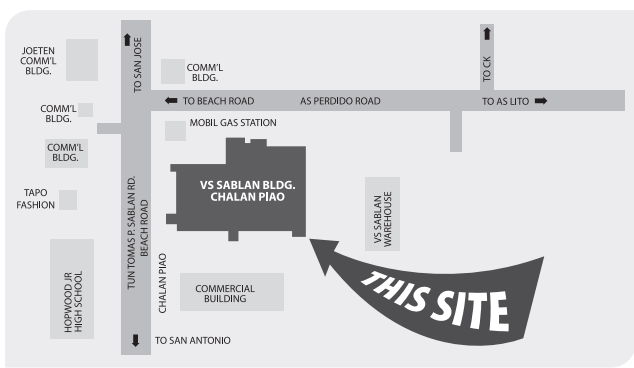
AGENDA

- I. Call Meeting to Order (9:30a.m – 9:40a.m)**
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Review and Adoption of Agenda
 - c. Review and Adoption of Minutes
 - 1. June 06, 2013 – Regular Meeting
- II. Public Comment Period:** Individuals may orally testify on items on this agenda during the Public Comment Period. Written testimony is also accepted. Testifiers are requested to limit their testimony to five (5) minutes. (9:40a.m – 9:50a.m)
- III. Board Chair's Remarks (9:50a.m. – 10:00a.m.)**
- IV. WASC Accreditation Update (10:00a.m – 10:10a.m.)**
- V. Old Business (10:10a.m. – 11:30a.m)**
 - a. **Board Policies for Consideration – Second Reading**
 - Section 1000 Board Operations
 - 1000: Constitutional and Statutory Authority
 - 1001: Limits of Authority
 - 1002: Officers
 - 1003: Duties of the Officers
 - 1004: Compensation of Board of Regents Members
 - 1005: Standing Committees of the Board
 - 1006: Duties of the President
 - 1007: Duties of the Legal Counsel
 - 1008: Formulation, Adoption, and Amendment of Policies and By-Laws
 - 1009: Formulation, Adoption, and Amendment of Administrative Procedures
 - 1010: Suspension of Policies, By-Laws, and Procedures
 - 1011: Meetings
 - 1012: Periodic Review and Evaluation
 - 1013: Periodic Review and Evaluation of the President
 - 1014: Code of Conduct of the Board
 - 1015: Attendance at Meetings, Institutions, and Conventions
 - 1016: Board Member Liability Protection
 - 1017: Conflict of Interest Code
 - 1018: Removal from Office
 - 1019: Board of Regents Self-Evaluation
 - 1020: Institutional Governance
 - 1021: Citizen Participation in Board of Regents Meetings
 - 1022: Protection from Civil Suit
 - 1023: Legal Counsel
 - 1024: Political Activities
 - Section 2000-9000 College Operations
 - Section 2000 Organization
 - Section 3000 Academic Affairs
 - Section 4000 Student Affairs
 - Section 5000 Personnel
 - Section 6000 Compensation
 - Section 7000 Financial Affairs
 - Section 8000 Miscellaneous
 - Section 9000 Index
 - b. **Board Policy No. 401 – Residency Classification**
 - c. **NMC Foundation status**
- VI. New Business (12:30p.m – 2:45p.m)**
 - a. **Board Policies for Consideration** - Minimum Faculty Qualifications
 - b. **Board Policies to Suspend/Rescind**
 - 1. Compensation
 - 2. Recruitment
 - c. **BOR Evaluation (Mid-Year/Analysis)**
 - d. **FY2012 Audit Report**
 - e. **Establishment of the NMC Board Budget for FY2014**
 - f. **Board Resolution No. 2013-03: To consider/adopt amendments to NMC's Non-Profit Charter**
- VII. Legislative Update (2:45p.m – 3:00p.m)**
 - a. **Proposed House Bill** – Periodically revise and review its Mission Statement
 - b. **House Bill 18-58:** "To reauthorize the NMC Apprenticeship Program consistent with Title 3 section 1356 of the CNMI Code."
 - c. **House Legislative Initiative No. 18-7:** "To amend Article XV, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Northern Marianas Islands to authorize the election of the members of the Northern Marianas College Board of Regents; and for other purposes."
- VIII. Reports (3:00p.m – 4:00p.m.)**
 - a. **President's Report**
 - 1. Chief Financial Officer (Financial Report)
 - b. **BOR Standing Committees**
 - 1. Fiscal and Finance Committee
 - 2. Program Committee
 - 3. AdHOC Committees
- X. Board Meeting Assessment (4:00p.m – 4:10p.m)**
- XI. Executive Session (4:10p.m – 4:30p.m)**
(At any time during the scheduled meeting of the Board of Regents may be required to enter into executive session to discuss matters deemed privileged and confidential)
- XII. Upcoming Board Activities (4:30p.m. – 5:00p.m.)**
 - 1. Schedule Next Regular Meeting
 - 2. BOR Retreat with Dr. Polonio: Thursday, August 01, 2013
 - 3. Dr. Polonio's Visit: August 26 & 27, 2013
- XIII. Adjournment**

/s/ Juan T. Lizama
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Date: July 24, 2013

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AG San Nicolas, 9 others hope to join new Lions Club on Tinian

No less than CNMI Attorney General Joey P. San Nicolas and nine others are considering membership in the Tinian Marianas Lions Club, which will officially be chartered tomorrow, July 27.

Aside from San Nicolas, other prospective Lions are his wife Vilma San Nicolas, John and Cora Cepeda Teresita Dela Cruz, Teresita Sanchez, Jonah Lagota, Virginia Sarangelo,

Jennifer San Nicolas, and Joseph Cruz.

Tinian Marianas Lions Club takes over from the defunct Tinian Taga Lions Club and currently there are 21 residents

that are already chartered Lions Club members, including Tinian Marianas Lions Club charter president Lizabeth Hofschneider.

Hofschneider said the idea for

a Lions Club on Tinian got started with an orientation the Lions Club District did three years ago and among those in attendance were Jackie Mendiola, who will be the club treasurer,

and Lot Bunao, who will serve as the membership director.

"Right now we're looking at starting our first community service project," Hofschneider said. "Members suggested some ideas, but we're going to prioritize which comes first and see what this community needs."

"I have really good memories of being little and helping my dad way back in the Philippines," Bunao said. "So it was a pretty easy decision for me when they said they wanted to have one here. It's a good service project and it will be really nice for the community."

Mendiola said the group is full of good vibes and enthusiasm and really excited to work on their first community project.

The new Tinian Marianas Lions Club will be chartered tomorrow, July 27, at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino Broadway Restaurant.

The celebration will begin with a hospitality hour at 6pm and dinner at 6:30pm. During the ceremonies, Immediate Past District Governor Herbie Perez will present the members of the new club with their official charter, which all charter members will sign that evening. District Governor Annabel Dancel will join her.

The sponsor club for the new Tinian Marianas Lions Club is the Saipan Marianas Lions Club. While back in 1999 when the Saipan Marianas Lions Club was just forming, its sponsor club was the former Saipan Friendship Lions Club.

Unfortunately, Saipan Friendship LC ceased to exist many years ago but former member Nelida Atalig was able to transfer to Saipan Marianas LC.

Anyone interested in community service or becoming a member of the Tinian Marianas Lions Club can contact Hofschneider at 287-9697; guiding Lion Paul Madriaga, a member of the Saipan Marianas Lions Club, at 287-4501; and guiding Lion Ladyvir Canape, a member of Saipan Unity Lions Club, at 989-2545. Membership chair Bunao, meanwhile, can be contacted at JC Café (285-3413).

With the chartering of the Tinian Marianas Lions Club, there will now be four Lions clubs in the CNMI. The other three are on Saipan—the Saipan Fil-American, Saipan Marianas, and Saipan Unity Lions Club.

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Red flag up at 15 beaches on Saipan

The Division of Environmental Quality has raised the red flag on 15 beach sites on Saipan and is advising the public not to fish

Visa-free entry to PH extended to 30 days

The Philippine Consulate General informed the public in Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Republic of Palau, Republic of the Marshall Island, and the Federated States of Micronesia yesterday that, in line with the Philippine government's efforts to update its visa policies and further encourage tourism and investment in the Philippines, the visa-free privilege granted to 151 countries including the United States, Palau, Marshall Island and Micronesia under Executive Order 408 will be extended from 20 days to 30 days effective Aug. 1, 2013.

Israel and Brazil shall remain eligible for 59-day visa-free entry pursuant to existing bilateral agreements of these two countries with the Philippines.

The Consulate General would like to remind concerned foreign nationals of the following requirements for visa-free entry: A national passport valid for at least six months beyond the contemplated stay; and a return ticket to the country of origin or onward ticket to the next country of destination. **(PR)**

or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

The affected sites are Wing Beach, DPW Channel Bridge, Smiling Cove Marina, American Memorial Park, Hafadai drainage, Garapan Fishing Dock, Kanoa Resort, Community School Beach, Sugar Dock, Chalan Kanoa District 4 Lally Beach, San Antonio Beach, Marine Beach, North LauLau Beach, South LauLau Beach, and Unai Dangkulo beach.

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainages every Wednesday.

For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. **(DEQ)**



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Pastor Osias of Guam UMC visits Immanuel UMC

Pastor Johann Osias from the Guam United Methodist Church will be officiating worship service at Immanuel United Methodist Church in Chalan Kanoa on Sunday, July 28, at 9am. Everyone is invited. Contact Sol B. Corpuz (989-0955) or Pam Carhill (287-4646) for more information. **(PR)**

Kiosku Leadership Park featured in radio program

Ramon "RB" Camacho, William Torres, and Herman B. Cabrera will be the featured on this Sunday's "Your Humanities Half-Hour" radio program.

Camacho, Torres, and Ca-

brera will discuss the recently completed Saipan and Northern Islands Leadership Kiosku in Chalan Kanoa.

Your Humanities Half-Hour, hosted by Cathy Perry, airs each Sunday from 2pm to 2:30pm on Power 99. It features interviews with scholars, researchers, teachers, and community leaders on a wide range of humanities topics of interest to the community. **(PR)**

Tinian Soil and Water Conservation District meeting

Those interested in participating in the Tinian and Aguiguan Soil and Water Conservation District are invited to attend a re-organizational meeting on Aug. 1, 2013, at the Fleming Restaurant at 9am. **(PR)**

NOTICE ALL CLIENTS OF THE FEDERAL LABOR OMBUDSMAN

Due to the upcoming closure of the Federal Labor Ombudsman office on September 30, 2013, aliens are advised of the following change in operations of the office.

- As of August 1, 2013, office will be open only on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday with Thursday and Friday for appointments only for clients with active cases that require further assistance of the office prior to our final closure of both the case and the office.
- As of August 15, 2013, no more walk in clients or clients referred by other agencies for assistance will be entertained. Caseworkers will continue to make appointments with clients with open cases to provide as much assistance as possible prior to September 1, 2013.
- Any client with an open case is encouraged to immediately contact the caseworker providing assistance to determine what if anything remains to be done prior to September 1, 2013 in order to reach final resolution of the matter.

We, the staff of the Federal Labor Ombudsman, greatly appreciate your patience and cooperation in this time of transition.

通知所有联邦劳工监察官办公室的客户

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我们，联邦劳工监察官办公室的全体工作人员，非常感谢您在这个过渡时期的耐心与合作。

PAUNAWA SA LAHAT NG KLIYENTE NG FEDERAL LABOR OMBUDSMAN

Dahil sa nalalapit na pagsasara ng tanggapan ng Federal Labor Ombudsman sa Septyembre 30, 2013, kayo ay pinapayuhan sa mga sumusunod na pagbabago sa mga pagpapatakbo ng opisina.

- Simula Agosto 1, 2013, ang opisina ay bukas lamang sa Lunes, Martes, at Miyerkules, ang Huwebes at Biyernes ay para lamang sa appointment ng mga kliyente na may aktibong kaso na nangangailangan ng karagdagang tulong ng opisina bago ang aming pagsasara ng parehong kaso at ng opisina.
- Simula Agosto 15, 2013, hindi na namin maaasikaso ang mga kliyenteng "walk in" o ang mga kliyenteng ini-refer ng iba pang ahensya. Ang mga Caseworkers ay patuloy na gagawa ng appointment sa mga kliyente na may bukas na kaso upang mabigayan ng sapat na tulong hangga't maaari bago ang Septyembre 1, 2013.
- Ang mga kliyente na may bukas pang kaso ay hinihikayat na agad makipag-ugnay sa caseworker na tumutulong sa inyo upang matukoy kung anong mga bagay ang nararapat pang gawin bago ang Septyembre 1, 2013 para sa paglutas ng inyong kaso.

Kami, ang mga tauhan ng Federal Labor Ombudsman, ay lubos na pinahalagahan ang inyong pasensya at pakikipagtulungan sa oras na ito ng pagbabago



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Business

The perfect fit: Wonderbra maker to buy Maidenform

NEW YORK (AP)—It’s the perfect fit. Two of the world’s top bra makers are coming together in the biggest development in the \$11.5 billion underwear industry in years. Hanesbrands, which makes

the Wonderbra, said Tuesday that it agreed to buy bra and underwear company Maidenform Brands Inc. for about \$547 million. The deal would add brands like Maidenform, Flexees and Self Expressions to the Hanesbrand roster that

includes Playtex, Bali, Champion, Wonderbra and its namesake Hanes. The merger comes as traditional bra and underwear makers are facing tough competition from specialty stores such as Victoria’s Se-

cret that focus on frilly designs and newer rivals like Spanx that make shapewear that promises to control and smooth out bulges. “Maidenform has great brands that consumers trust,” said Hanes CEO Richard A.

Coca-Cola, PepsiCo see soda declines continue

NEW YORK (AP)—It seems that not even Beyonce or new, lower-calorie options can convince Americans to drink more soda. Coca-Cola Co., PepsiCo Inc. and Dr Pepper Snapple Group Inc. all sold less soda in the second quarter in North America, dashing

hopes for the moment that splashy new marketing and different sweetener mixes could get drinkers back. Coca-Cola Co. said it sold 4 percent less soda in North America, while PepsiCo Inc. simply said its decline for the region was in the “mid-single digits.” Dr Pepper sold 3 per-

cent less of the fizzy drinks. Coca-Cola, based in Atlanta, blamed the sluggish sales on a cold, wet spring. But the declines continue a years-long trend. According to the industry tracker Beverage Digest, per capita soda consumption in the U.S. has been slipping steadily since 1998 amid con-

cerns that sugary drinks fuel weight gain. Another problem is that people now have so many more choices when it comes to drinks. An endless array of bottled waters, teas of many colors, even energy shots and “relaxation” drinks are vying for the attention of the thirsty, with store coolers getting more crowded all the time.

Noll. “Combining the complementary strengths of both

companies creates a lot of growth opportunities.”

Senate passes bill on student loan rates

WASHINGTON (AP)—Borrowing for tuition, housing and books would be less expensive for college students and their parents this fall but the costs could soon start climbing under a bill the Senate passed overwhelmingly Wednesday.

The bipartisan proposal would link interest rates on federal student loans to the financial markets, providing lower interest rates right away but higher ones later if the economy improves as expected. The measure was similar to one that already had passed the Republican-led House and leaders from both chambers said they predicted the differences to be resolved before students start signing loan documents for the fall term. “This compromise is a major victory for our nation’s students,” President Barack Obama said in a statement. Undergraduates this fall would borrow at a 3.9 percent interest rate. Graduate students would have access to loans at 5.4 percent, and parents would borrow at 6.4 percent. The rates would be locked in for that year’s loan, but each year’s loan could be more expensive than the last. Rates would rise as the economy picks up and it becomes more expensive for the government to borrow money.



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AMENDED NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED PROPOSALS for **PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) 1,500-GALLON AIRCRAFT RESCUE AND FIRE FIGHTING (ARFF) VEHICLE** to the **FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, COMMONWEALTH OF NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, CPA-SA-002-13**, will be received at the office of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY, Francisco C. Ada / Saipan International Airport, PO Box 501055, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950.

Contractors are to submit one original and two copies of their bid which shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: *“Procurement and Delivery of One (1) 1,500-Gallon ARFF Vehicle to the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, CPA-SA-002-13”,* and submitted no later than **2:00 p.m., FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2013**, to the Office of the Acting Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The project, in general, consists of the procurement and delivery of one (1) brand new aircraft rescue fire fighting vehicle in accordance with the specifications.

The Project is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for one hundred eighty (180) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for procurement and delivery in its entirety shall be **THREE HUNDRED SIXTY (360) CALENDAR DAYS**. Liquidated damages of **FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)** shall be assessed the contractor for each calendar day the completion of the project is delayed beyond the contract completion date without excuse.

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All mechanics and laborers on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 60-25 of the specifications.

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A CD-Rom containing the bid proposal and contract documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)** for each set of plan documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier’s check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CPA Conference Room, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, **10:00 AM, FRIDAY, JULY 19, 2013**, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. All prospective bidders are required to attend. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference.

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The proposed contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375 dated October 13, 1977, and Section 60-1.4(b) of the regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor provisions.

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A pre-bid conference will be held at the CPA Conference Room, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, **10:00 AM, FRIDAY, JULY 26, 2013**, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. All prospective bidders are required to attend. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference.

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Nation

House narrowly rejects effort to halt NSA program

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House narrowly rejected a challenge to the National Security Agency’s secret collection of hundreds of millions of Americans’ phone records Wednesday night after a fierce

debate pitting privacy rights against the government’s efforts to thwart terrorism. The vote was 217-205 on an issue that created unusual political coalitions in Washington, with libertarian-lean-

ing conservatives and liberal Democrats pressing for the change against the Obama administration, the Republican establishment and Congress’ national security experts. The showdown vote marked the first chance for lawmakers to take a stand on the secret surveillance program since

former NSA systems analyst Edward Snowden leaked classified documents last month that spelled out the monumental scope of the government’s activities. Backing the NSA program were 134 Republicans and 83 Democrats, including House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio,

who typically does not vote, and Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi. Rejecting the administration’s last-minute pleas to spare the surveillance operation were 94 Republicans and 111 Democrats. It is unlikely to be the final word on government intrusion to defend the nation and Americans’ civil liberties.

“Have 12 years gone by and our memories faded so badly that we forgot what happened on Sept. 11?” Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Mich., chairman of the Intelligence Committee, said in pleading with his colleagues to back the program during House debate.

Republican Rep. Justin Amash of Michigan, chief sponsor of the repeal effort, said his aim was to end the indiscriminate collection of Americans’ phone records.

His measure, offered as an addition to a \$598.3 billion defense spending bill for 2014, would have canceled the statutory authority for the NSA program, ending

the agency’s ability to collect phone records and metadata under the USA Patriot Act unless it identified an individual under investigation.

The House later voted to pass the overall defense bill, 315-109.

Amash told the House that his effort was to defend the Constitution and “defend the privacy of every American.”

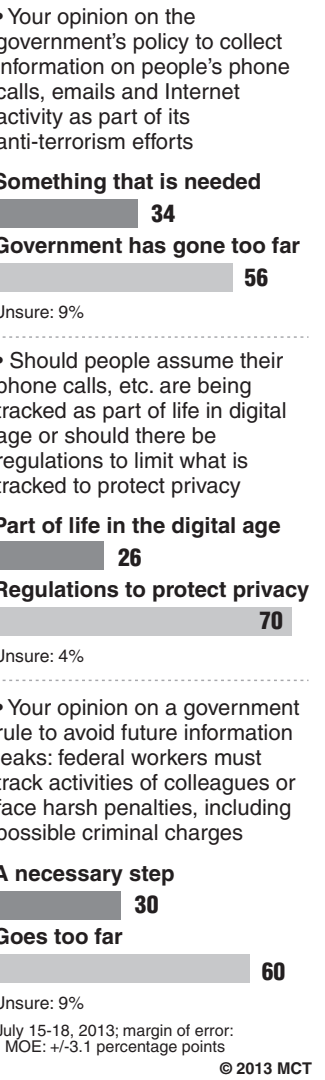
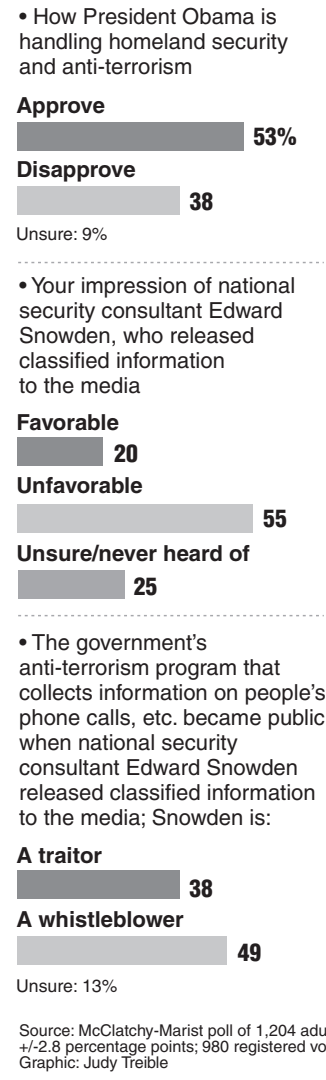
“Opponents of this amendment will use the same tactic that every government throughout history has used to justify its violation of rights: Fear,” he said. “They’ll tell you that the government must violate the rights of the American people to protect us against those who hate our freedom.”

The unlikely political coalitions were on full display during a spirited but brief House debate.

“Let us not deal in false narratives. Let’s deal in facts that will keep Americans safe,” said Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn., a member of the Intelligence committee who implored her colleagues to back a program that she argued was vital in combatting terrorism.

Has government gone too far?

A majority of Americans think the government's anti-terrorism program to collect information from phone calls, emails and Internet activity has gone too far and there should be limits to protect privacy, according to a new McClatchy-Marist poll.



No more mail at your door? Delivery changes eyed

WASHINGTON (AP)—Door-to-door mail delivery is about as American as apple pie. With the Postal Service facing billions of dollars in annual losses, that tradition could be virtually phased out by 2022 under a proposal in Congress.

The House Oversight and Government Reform Committee on Wednesday approved a plan to move to cluster box and curbside delivery, which includes mailboxes at the end of driveways.

The proposal is part of broader legislation by Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., chairman of the oversight and government reform panel, designed to cut costs at the cash-strapped agency by up to \$4.5 billion a year. The Postal Service had a \$16 billion loss last year.

The bill was approved on a party-line vote, with 22 Republicans supporting it and 17 Democrats opposing it.

Postal Service spokesman David Partenheimer said the agency would evaluate Issa’s bill based on whether it would enable the agency to make \$20 billion in savings by 2017.

“The Postal Service looks forward to working with Chairman Issa and the committee to improve the bill as it makes its way through the legislative process,” Partenheimer said.

The agency has been moving toward curbside and cluster box delivery in new residential developments since the 1970s. The Postal Service in April began deciding whether to provide such delivery for people moving into newly built homes rather than letting the developers decide.

“A balanced approach to saving the Postal Service means allowing USPS to adapt to America’s changing use of mail,” Issa said. “Done right, these reforms can improve the customer experience through a more efficient Postal Service.”

About 1 in 3 mail customers has door-to-door delivery, Issa said. The shift would include safe and secure cluster box delivery areas, he said, especially for elderly customers who receive Social Security checks and prescriptions through the mail.

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Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Department of Community and Cultural Affairs

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs (DC&CA) Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is hereby announcing its intention to submit its Abbreviated State Plan for Fiscal Year 2014. In addition to the fourteen (14) assurances which the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands are mandated to comply with, and the Program Integrity Assessment in order to receive the grant, we are also required to report on the progress, accomplishments, and problems that we have encountered within the last couple of years of the program. The LIHEAP Program generally provides cooling/utility/power assistance to eligible low-income households.

We are notifying affected individuals, specifically those who are qualified low-income, elderly, and/or disabled, other interested individuals, and the general public who may be interested in participating in the development of this plan to please contact Mrs. Gregoria O. Sablan and Mr. Frank Iglecias, the LIHEAP Staff at the DCCA LIHEAP's Office at telephone numbers 664-2568 or 664-2569. For more information and inquiry, please call the said telephone numbers, or visit our Office located at Capitol Hill House#1341.

Community meetings will be conducted on Rota, Tinian and Saipan as scheduled below. Any and all interested individuals are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

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I Dipattamenton Community and Cultural Affairs (DC&CA), Prográman Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) ginen este ha anununsia I intension-ña na para u rinueba iyon-niha Abbreviated State Plan para I Fiscal Year 2014. Komu ma'aomenta hálum i katotsi (14) gi Commonwealth I Sankattan Siha Na Islas Marianas put para u ma'otdin para i kinimpli ni, yan I Program Integrity Assessment anai siña para u marisibi I saláppi', ya manmadimánda han lókkui' para u maripot todú I adilántu, kinemplidu yan problema siha ni ma'ekspirensia gi halum I manma'pus na sákkán I prugráma. I LIHEAP na prográma henerátmente ha pribininiyi (cooling/kándet) na klasen ayudo para ayu siha na familia I man takpapa suetdon-niha.

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Para u guaha siha inekungok publiku para ufan ma kondukta giya Luta, Tinian yan Saipan. Todú eyu siha man interesao na petsona man masosohyu para u ma'atiende este siha na inekungok.

Para más infotmasion pat finaisen, pot fabot ágang I tilifon siha ni ma'mensiona pat bisita I ofisiná-ta giya Capital Hill, Numiron I gima #1341.

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/s/ Laura T. Ogumoro Secretary, DCCA	Date: 07/23/2013	Venue Tinian-Tinian Gymnasium Rota-Rota Roundhouse Saipan-Multi Purpose Center	Scheduled Dates August 02, 2013 August 09, 2013 August 16, 2013	Time 6:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairwoman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that the Regular Meeting of the Board is scheduled on Thursday, August 1, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the NMHC Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan. The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Adoption of Agenda
- Adoption of Minutes
- Thursday, May 2, 2013 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

III. CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Division Monthly Reports
- LIHTC Program – On-going Compliance Monitoring Briefing
- Update on USDA RD Guaranty and Plan of Action
- Update on CDBG Matters
- Update on NSP3
- Update on Program and Housing Division Matters
- Update on Mortgage & Credit Division Matters
 - Loans for Review and Approval
- Requests for Garapan Annex Units

IV. FIELD OFFICE REPORTS

- Rota Field Office
- Tinian Field Office

V. FISCAL AFFAIRS

- Amended FY 2014 Budget
- Fiscal Division Audit Reports
- Unaudited Financial Statement as of June 30, 2013

VI. LEGAL COUNSEL'S PENDING/ONGOING REPORT

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

VIII. OTHER MATTERS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

(Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

/s/ MARCIE M. TOMOKANE
Chairwoman of the Board

Obama: Washington has 'taken eye off' the economy

GALESBURG, Ill. (AP)—Seeking to build momentum for looming fiscal fights, President Barack Obama on Wednesday cast himself as the champion for middle-class Americans struggling to make ends meet. He chided Washington for having "taken its eye off the ball" and declared that the economy would be the "highest priority" of his second term.

Obama, in an hour-long address that was at times deeply partisan, also accused Republican lawmakers of succumbing to "an endless parade of distractions and political posturing and phony scandals." He said gridlock had only gotten worse since his re-election.

"I am here to say this needs to stop," Obama said in a speech at Knox College. "This moment does not require

short-term thinking. It does not require having the same old stale debates."

Obama, as he often does when criticizing Washington, glossed over his own status as the inhabitant of the city's most powerful office.

GOP leaders quickly panned the president's remarks as a series of repackaged ideas and empty promises.

"It's a hollow shell, it's an Easter egg with no candy in it," House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, said.

Indeed, the president's remarks were void of new policy proposals or fresh solutions for breaking Washington stalemates. And there were no new approaches presented for resolving potential showdowns with Republicans this fall over raising the nation's borrow-

ing limit and curtailing across-the-board federal budget cuts known as "the sequester."

For the president's advisers, a central goal of the speech was simply to refocus Obama's agenda squarely on the economy ahead of the fall deadlines. The first six months of his second term largely have been consumed by priorities like gun control and immigration, as well as an array of foreign policy crises and domestic controversies, including the National Security Agency's domestic spying programs and IRS scrutiny of political groups.

While official Washington's attention was elsewhere, the economy was slowly but steadily improving. The housing market is recovering, the stock market is soaring, and unemployment, while still high at 7.6

percent, is falling.

But the White House fears that standoffs this fall over the debt ceiling and the sequester could upend that progress. The president has declared that he will not negotiate over the debt ceiling and expects Republicans to lift the borrowing limit without concessions. He's also

pushing to end the federal budget cuts before they extend into the next fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1.

The president panned the sequester as a "meat cleaver" that has "cost jobs, hurt our military and gutted investments in American education."

Obama will seek to keep up

his renewed economic focus in the coming weeks with a series of speeches on manufacturing, education, housing, retirement security and health care. Advisers say some of those speeches will contain more specific policy proposals, both for congressional legislation and executive action.

George H.W. Bush shaves head to encourage child

HOUSTON (AP)—Former President George H.W. Bush has shaved his head to show solidarity for the sick child of a Secret Service agent.

A statement issued by a Bush spokesman Wednesday says the 89-year-old former president acted earlier this week at his summer home in Kennebunkport, Maine. That was after he saw members of his Secret Service detail with newly shaved heads to show support for the 2-year-old son of an agent. The child's undergoing treatment for leukemia and is losing his hair as a result.

The Bush spokesman identified the boy only as Patrick.

George and Barbara Bush lost their second child, 4-year-old Robin Bush, to leukemia almost 60 years ago.

The security detail has launched a website, www.patrickspals.org, to help with expenses associated with Patrick's treatment.



This Wednesday July 24, 2013 photo provided by the Office of George Bush shows President George H. W. Bush with Patrick (last name withheld at family's request), 2, in Kennebunkport, Maine.

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SEALED PROPOSALS for **PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) 1,500-GALLON AIRCRAFT RESCUE AND FIRE FIGHTING (ARFF) VEHICLE** to the **BENJAMIN TAISACAN MANGLONA / ROTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, COMMONWEALTH OF NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, CPA-RA-002-13**, will be received at the office of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, PO Box 501055, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950.

Contractors are to submit one original and two copies of their bid which shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Procurement and Delivery of One (1) 1,500-Gallon ARFF Vehicle to the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona / Rota International Airport, CPA-RA-002-13," and submitted no later than **2:00 p.m., FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2013**, to the Office of the Acting Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The project, in general, consists of the procurement and delivery of one (1) brand new aircraft rescue fire fighting vehicle in accordance with the specifications.

The Project is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for one hundred eighty (180) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for procurement and delivery in its entirety shall be **THREE HUNDRED SIXTY (360) CALENDAR DAYS**. Liquidated damages of **FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)** shall be assessed the contractor for each calendar day the completion of the project is delayed beyond the contract completion date without excuse.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

All mechanics and laborers on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 60-25 of the specifications.

Each bidder must complete, sign, and furnish the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause", a "Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities", and the "Assurance of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Participation", as contained in the bid proposal documents, with the submission of the Bid Proposal.

A CD-Rom containing the bid proposal and contract documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)** for each set of plan documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CPA Conference Room, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, **10:00 AM, MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2013**, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. All prospective bidders are required to attend. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are required to use the bid schedule form on the CD-Rom. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the bid schedule or misenter the quantity of line item; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

The proposed contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375 dated October 13, 1977, and Section 60-1.4(b) of the regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor provisions.

All labor on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rates established by CNMI Law or Federal Law, whichever is higher. The Contractor shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract.

Each bidder must supply all information required by the bid proposal documents and specifications.

The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A contractor having 50 or more employees and any subcontractor having 50 or more employees and who may be awarded a contract of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) or more will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the specifications. To be eligible for award, each bidder must comply with the affirmative action requirements.

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award of any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement.

Women will be afforded equal opportunity in all areas of employment. However, the employment of women shall not diminish the standards or requirements for employment of minorities.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by US Treasury listed surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **TEN PERCENT (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The proposed contract is under and subject to the foreign trade restrictions required by 49 CFR Part 30, Denial of Public Works Contracts to Supplier of Goods and Services of Countries that Deny Procurement Market Access to U.S. Contractors.

The Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 provides that preference be given to steel and manufactured products produced in the United States when funds are expended pursuant to a grant issued under the Airport Improvement Program

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ FRANCES C. MAFNAS
Acting Chair of the Board/Contracting Officer

Date: July 23, 2013



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PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE

CPA-PAN-002-13

"SALE OF 2 UNITS 2006 USED MERCURY OUTBOARD ENGINES 250 HP/FOUR STROKE"

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is inviting individuals, boat owners or firm's interested in buying a pair of 2006 Mercury Outboard Engine/250HP/Four Stroke (used).

The engines will be sold as a pair only and may be inspected at the CPA Sea Port Office located at the Port of Saipan by contacting Ms. Maryann Q. Lizama or Kay Inos at telephone numbers 664-3550 or 664-3560.

The auction will take place on August 15, 2013 at the Sea Port Office, Port of Saipan beginning 2:00 PM Local Time until 4:00 PM. The bidder submitting the highest bid is required to pay 20% down payment on acceptance of bid. Balance shall be payable at CPA Accounting Office at the Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Departure Building within five (5) working days from closing date of the auction. Failure to pay will result in the forfeiture of the down payment. Payment must be made in cash, cashier's check or money order payable to Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The pair of engines are sold "AS IS" AND "WHERE IS" and WITHOUT WARRANTY. The sold items must be removed from CPA property within five (5) calendar days from date of full payment. CPA will not be responsible for said items after the said specified time.

CPA maintains the right to set a minimum bid on the pair of engines. CPA further reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted for; (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Public Auction Notice; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation prior to and at the auction.

CPA assumes no responsibilities for any costs incurred by bidders in their preparation of the bids.

Inquiries may be directed to the Procurement Officer, Mr. Alex C. Tudela, at telephone number 237-6563.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ Maryann Q. Lizama
Acting Executive Director

World

Spain passenger train derails, killing at least 40

MADRID (AP)—A passenger train derailed Wednesday night on a curvy stretch of track in northwestern Spain, killing at least 40 people caught inside toppled cars and injuring more than 140 in the country’s worst rail accident in decades, officials said.

Bodies were covered in blankets next to the tracks and rescue workers tried to get trapped people out of the train’s cars, with smoke billowing from some of the wreckage. Some passengers were pulled out of broken windows, and one man stood atop a carriage lying on its side, using a pickaxe to try to smash through a window. Images showed one car pointing up into the air with one of its ends twisted and disfigured, and another severed in two.

Officials gave differing death tolls in the immediate aftermath of the crash just outside Santiago de Compostela, on the eve of the city’s annual religious festival that attracts tens of thousands of Christian pilgrims from around the world.

Alberto Nunez Feijoo, president of the region of Galicia where Santiago de Compostela is the capital, said at least 40 people died. But the president of Galicia’s main court, Miguel Angel Cadenas, was quoted



from the scene by the Cadena Ser radio station saying 56 died. Rescue workers were still searching through the smoldering wreckage of the train’s cars Thursday morning in the pre-dawn darkness.

State-owned train operator Renfe said in a statement that 218 passengers and an unspecified number of staff were on board the eight-carriage train during the 8.41 p.m. (1841 GMT) crash on a section of tracks about 2.5 miles (4 kilometers) from Santiago de Compostela that came online two years ago.

Renfe and track operator Adif were cooperating with a judge who has been appointed to investigate the accident, Renfe said.

A regional Galicia health official told reporters early Thurs-

day morning that more than 140 passengers from the train had been treated at area hospitals, with their conditions ranging

from light injuries to serious and some still in surgery hours after the crash.



China indicts ex-politician Bo Xilai for graft

BEIJING (AP)—Disgraced Chinese politician Bo Xilai was indicted Thursday on charges of corruption, accepting bribes and abuse of power, state media reported, moving China’s biggest political scandal in years toward closure.

The indictment paves the way for a trial, more than a year after Bo dropped from sight in one of China’s biggest-ever political scandals.

The Xinhua News Agency said the indictment was handed over Thursday by prosecutors in the eastern city of Jinan to the city’s intermediate court. That indicates the trial will take place

in the city soon, although the report did not say when.

Bo, the former party boss of the southwestern megacity of Chongqing, was expelled from the party in September and accused of massive corruption, illicit sexual affairs and abetting the cover-up of a murder by his wife.

Bo’s ouster in the spring of last year and the investigation into his family presented the Communist Party leadership with its ugliest public scandal in nearly two decades. It exposed

the bare-knuckled infighting that the secretive leadership prefers to hide and affirmed an already skeptical public’s dim view about corrupt dealings in the party.

The allegations leveled against Bo in September dated back more than a decade, including abuse of power, bribe taking and improper relations with several women—banned by the party because they are considered an inducement to corruption.

Bo was also accused of in-

volvement in the cover-up of his wife’s murder of a British businessman, which was instrumental in triggering his downfall.

One of China’s most ambitious and best-known politicians, Bo was brought down last year after a trusted aide fled to a U.S. consulate disclosing the murder.

Bo was dismissed as party chief of Chongqing; his wife, Gu Kailai, was given a suspended death sentence after confessing to the murder; and the aide, Chongqing police chief Wang Lijun, received a 15-year prison term for initially covering up the murder and other misdeeds.



Xilai

WORLD BRIEFS

India police arrest principal after 23 pupils die

PATNA, India (AP)—The principal of a primary school in eastern India where 23 children died last week after eating lunch prepared with contaminated oil was arrested Wednesday, nine days after she went into hiding, police said. Meena Kumari fled as soon as the children began falling ill after eating the lunch cooked at the school in Bihar state. Twenty-three children between the ages of 5 and 12 died after eating the meal and many others fell ill. Forensic tests have revealed that the lunch contained toxic levels of a deadly pesticide. A police team investigating the deaths arrested Kumari on Wednesday, and authorities were questioning her to establish how the pesticide got mixed with the food, said police superintendent Sujit Kumar.

Snowden lawyer: Leaker staying in Russia for now

MOSCOW (AP)—National Security Agency leaker Edward Snowden, who fled to Moscow’s airport a month ago, aims to stay in Russia for the near future and learn the country’s culture and language, his lawyer said Wednesday. To get him started, Anatoly Kucherena said he gave Snowden a copy of “Crime and Punishment,” Dostoyevsky’s lengthy novel about the torment and redemption of a man who thought himself outside the law. “I am not talking about the similarity of inner contradictions,” Kucherena said after meeting Snowden in the transit zone of Sheremetyevo international airport, where Snowden has apparently been marooned since arriving from Hong Kong on June 23.

Pope urges Catholic faithful to shun materialism

APARECIDA, Brazil (AP)—Pope Francis made an emotional plea Wednesday for Roman Catholics to shun materialism in the first public Mass of his initial international trip as pontiff, then met with drug addicts and denounced the “dealers of death” who fuel their suffering. On his first full day of activities in Brazil, Francis traveled from one of the most important shrines in Latin America, Our Lady of Aparecida, to what he called a “shrine of human suffering”—a hospital in Rio de Janeiro that treats substance abusers. Both encounters had a common theme that the humble pope has stressed during his young papacy: a denunciation of the “ephemeral idols” of money and power and a need for the Catholic Church to focus on the poor and outcasts of society.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In Re The Matter Of the Petition To Appoint General Guardianship For: R-L. H. V. M. (D.O.B. 10/14/2005)

Minor Child

By: Desiree J. Villanueva & Janet B. Villanueva

Petitioners

FCD GU CIVIL ACTION NO. 13-0241

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on August 1, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom 205A, before Honorable Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

Dated this 5th day of June, 2013.

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Ezeth Smith

Petitioner,

vs

Calvin Smith,

Respondent,

FCD-DI CIVIL ACTION NO. 13-0305

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of our answer to the Petitioner whose address is P.O. Box 10005 PMB 207 Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 500307 Susupe, Saipan MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief in the complaint.

DATED, this 3rd day of July, 2013:

/s/ Clerk of Court

Joseph A. Arriola
P.O. Box 10003 PMB 632
Saipan, MP 96950
Tel. (670) 483-0207

Pro Se Petitioner

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

JOSEPH ALDAN ARRIOLA,

Petitioner,

vs.

JOVIE A. CERVEZA,

Respondent.

FCD-DI CIVIL ACTION NO. 13-0311

SUMMONS

TO: RESPONDENT JOVIE. A CERVEZA

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint for Divorce, a copy of which is given to you herewith, within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to Petitioner Joseph A. Arriola, whose address is P.O. Box 10003 PMB 632, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Court for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated this 2nd day of July, 2013.

/s/ Clerk of Court

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In The Matter of the Adoption of: Han Jiang

Minor Child

By: Guiyu Jiang

Petitioner

FCD AD CIVIL ACTION NO. 13-0218

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on August 12, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom 205A, before Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

Dated this 29th day of May, 2013.

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

Off The Wall



Mini-cow born at Roy farm looks like panda bear

ROY, Wash. (AP)—John Bartheld has been breeding miniature cows on his farm for seven years, hoping to recreate black and white markings in the pattern of a panda to make a “panda cow.”

He succeeded on June 28 when Peanut was born. From most angles, Peanut looks like the endangered Chinese bear with a big belt of white fur, a white face and black hair around the eyes.

Peanut never strays far from his mom, Midget, who was artificially inseminated. Another panda cow born July 3, a half-sister named Star, has similar markings, but not as well-defined.

Peanut is different and he knows it, Bartheld said. “He’s got that cocky attitude. From the minute I laid eyes on him I knew he was something special,” he said Friday.

“Peanut knew he was a superstar. It’s just the weirdest thing. I’ve never raised anything with this

attitude—like he was born Tom Selleck,” Bartheld said. “He struts around the field like he’s in charge of the other calves and they follow him around. And he’s not the oldest calf.”

Bartheld runs nine cattle and five are registered miniatures.

Two, Peanut and Star, are registered with The International Miniature Cattle Breeders Society, which is a division of Happy Mountain Farm in Covington.

The four other cattle are full-size cows sold as beef. The

miniatures are a pet or novelty—“too expensive to butcher,” unless they grow too big.

“They butcher them all the time if they breed a miniature and it runs out 40-45 inches tall; it’s considered a mid-sized beef.”

John Bartheld holds “Peanut,” a miniature Panda cow, Thursday, July 18, 2013, on his farm in Roy, Wash.

AP

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Fisherman gets 230-lb. tuna despite capsized boat

LIHUE, Hawaii (AP)—A 54-year-old fisherman is safe after his 14-foot boat capsized as he was landing a 230-pound tuna in the ocean off Hawaii. The U.S. Coast Guard rescued Anthony Wichman on Friday after receiving a distress call from his wife. Wichman was fishing about 10 miles southwest of Port Allen on the island of Kauai Friday morning when he hooked the Ahi tuna. Coast Guard Lt. Jessica Mickelson tells Hawaii News Now that Wichman was able to use his cellphone to call his wife for help. The Coast Guard dispatched a helicopter to rescue Wichman. Friends arrived on another boat and were able to right Wichman’s boat. They towed it—and the fish—back to port.

Mont. man injured when bridge jumper lands on him

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP)—A western Montana man floating on an inner tube suffered broken bones in his legs and torn ligaments in his knees when another man jumped from a bridge and landed in his lap. Andy Hill of Missoula and his wife were floating under a bridge on the Clark Fork River near East Missoula Sunday when the man landed on him, KECI-TV reported. “Sudden-

ly I had intense pain and was under water,” Hill said. “There was a guy on my lap and he rolled off my lap and he just kept apologizing saying ‘I’m sorry, I’m sorry, I’m sorry,’” Hill said. The man swam Hill to shore, still on the inner tube, and the man’s friend helped Hill as well. Hill suffered broken bones in both lower legs and a cracked femur in his left leg and will likely spend the rest of the summer in a wheelchair or on crutches.

Texas contractor razes house, but the wrong one

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)—A demolition company has mistakenly torn down a three-bedroom home in North Texas rather than the condemned building next door. David Underwood and his wife placed their Fort Worth house on the market with the intention of moving into the retreat they purchased near the shores of Lake Worth. The lakeside land has been in the family for decades and Underwood bought it from an aunt earlier this year. But when they stopped by to mow the lawn Saturday, they found the home was gone. A slab of foundation remains. Fort Worth hired the demolition company to raze the condemned building, and was billed more than \$6,000 for the work. The condemned structure remains standing.

TO ETERNAL LIFE

NICOLAS CEPEDA LEON GUERRERO

(Lovingly known as “Nick” or “Nick Tindin”)

born on September 2, 1940, went peacefully to our Lord on July 20, 2013 at the age of 72.

Entering the gates of heaven, **Nick** will be greeted and reunited with his:

Wife — Vertilia “Bilang” Elena Camacho Leon Guerrero

Parents — Vicente Iglesias & Rosa Cepeda Leon Guerrero

Parents-in-Law — Albert Sablan & Primitiva Deleon Guerrero Camacho

Brothers and In-laws — Joaquin C. Leon Guerrero; Bernardo C. Leon Guerrero; Elphidia Camacho Sablan

Godson — Vicente P. Leon Guerrero

Nephews — Rudolfo P. Leon Guerrero; Walter David Deleon Guerrero; Josef Joachin P. Deleon Guerrero

Precious memories and lasting love for **Nick** will forever be in the hearts of his:

Children — Tina Marie LG. & Brian Songao Camacho [children & grandchildren]
Michael Clifford C. Leon Guerrero & Nicole Robey [children & grandchildren]
Nicholas Spencer (Jr.) & Rea T. Leon Guerrero [son]
Marissa Nicole C. Leon Guerrero & Armand Anasan [children]
Scott Alvin C. Leon Guerrero
Albert Vincent C. Leon Guerrero
Eric Nico C. Leon Guerrero

Mother-in-Law — Rosario Arriola Camacho

Brothers, and In-Laws — **Antonio C.** /Ann Mary K. Leon Guerrero & children; **Jose C.** /Alicia DLG. Leon Guerrero & children

Nick was also loved and cherished by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, nieces, godchildren, and friends.

Daily masses of intention are offered at 6:00 a.m. and rosary is prayed at 7:30 p.m. at Kristo Rai Church. **Nick** will be with us for the last time on Saturday, July 27, 2013. Visitation and last respects are welcomed beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Mount Carmel Cathedral. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. followed immediately with interment at Mount Carmel Cemetery where he will be laid to rest.

Your thoughts and most especially your prayers are sincerely appreciated.

Tina Marie, Michael Clifford, Nicholas Spencer, Jr., Marissa Nicole, Scott Alvin, Albert Vincent, Eric Nico

Remembering...

CATHERINE VIVIAN FLORES DELEON GUERRERO

It has been almost a year since our dearly beloved **Catherine Vivian** left this world to be with our Lord. Though we endured much heartache missing her warm and pleasant personality, we were blessed with much kindness and support by our loving family members and friends. These Christian gestures were most welcomed and sincerely appreciated by all of us.

In her memory, we invite our relatives and friends to join us tonight for rosary at Kristo Rai Church at 7:00 p.m.

On the final day, Saturday, July 27th, rosary will be prayed at 5:00 p.m. followed by the anniversary mass at 6:00 p.m. at Kristo Rai Church.

Your presence, thoughts and most especially your prayers are sincerely appreciated.

Si Yu’us Ma’ase and may God continue to bless us all.

Crispin I. Deleon Guerrero
Francine/Ray & children, Crispin Jr., Marlena/Ricky & children, Jack, Gina/Bill & children

Science & Technology

Google unveils new Nexus 7, Internet TV device

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Google is betting consumers will pay slightly more for a sleeker, more powerful version of its Nexus 7 tablet as the Internet company escalates its rivalry with Apple and Amazon.com in technology's key battleground—the mobile computing market.

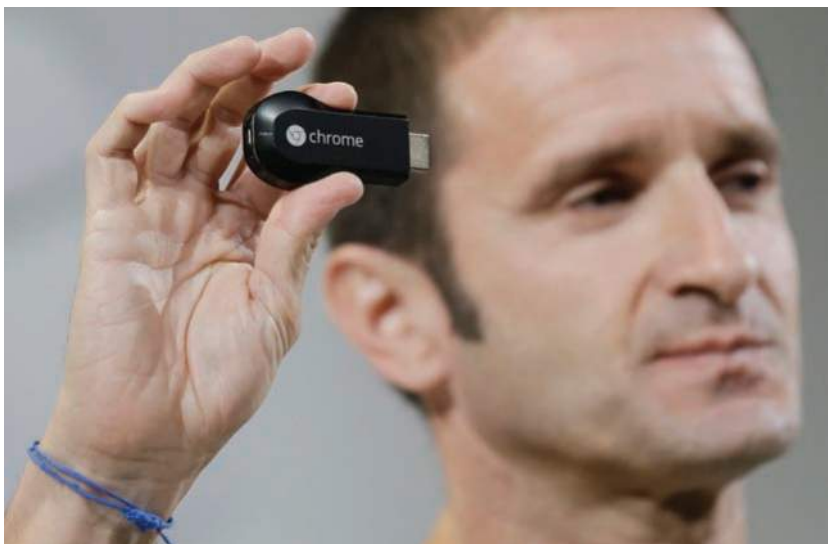
The fancier devices unveiled Wednesday in San Francisco will go on sale in the U.S. next Tuesday in Google's online store and numerous retailers with brick-and-mortar stores.

Among other things, the souped-up line of Nexus tablets will boast a higher-definition 7-inch display screen and a processor that promises to be nearly as twice as fast. Dual stereo speakers have been added for richer sound, and the device's battery duration has been extended to 10 hours for Web browsing, an increase of about an hour.

On other fronts, Google Inc. also unveiled a gadget that will lean on its widely used Chrome Web browser and take aim at Apple on another front—the living room.

The new device, called Chromecast, is part of the company's attempt to make it easier for people to access Internet content on their TVs. Chromecast is a small stick roughly the same size as a thumb drive that can be plugged into an HDMI port on flat-panel TVs. It brings Netflix, Google's YouTube site and other Internet content to what is usually the biggest screen in households.

Forrester Research analyst Sarah Rotman Epps said Chromecast could undermine Apple in the still-nascent market to



Google's new Chromecast device is shown by Mario Queiroz, vice president for product management, on Wednesday, July 24, 2013, in San Francisco. AP

plug streaming devices into TVs, just as the Nexus tablets have siphoned some sales away from Apple's iPad.

Google's previous products designed to connect TV sets to the Internet haven't worked out well. The company initially tried to embed an operating system called Google TV into sets made by TV manufacturers, but that flopped. Last year, Google introduced an orb-like device called the Nexus Q in hopes of delivering more Internet video to flat-panel TVs, only to quickly pull the product from the market.

"Chromecast looks like a smart and disruptive device," Rotman Epps said. "Maybe it took the other failures for Google to get it right."

Google wants to have a presence on TVs because it could open up a lucrative new channel for it to sell more ads, which bring in most of its revenue.

In a show of its determination to make inroads on TVs, Google started selling Chromecast for just \$35 on Wednesday. That price undercuts the most popular Internet-streaming devices made by Apple and Roku. An Apple TV box sells for \$99, while the least expensive Roku box capable of showing high-definition video goes for \$80. Roku, a company that formed within Internet video subscription service Netflix Inc., also sells an Internet streaming stick similar to Chromecast for \$100.

Brokering a truce between McAfee, Malwarebytes

By **STEVE ALEXANDER**
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)



QUESTION: You frequently recommend using the Malwarebytes PC security program, but when I try, my McAfee security software blocks me. Why?—Edna Clayton, Lakeland, Fla.

ANSWER: Some versions of the McAfee security software see Malwarebytes as an intruder that wants too much access to your PC.

You'll need to adjust the McAfee software to exclude the files that make up the Malwarebytes program. This frees Malwarebytes from McAfee's scrutiny and gives it a pass to work on your computer. (Note that this is a good idea only for the free version of Malwarebytes that runs just when you click on it. Never run two full-time security programs at once because at worst they will conflict and at a minimum they will slow your PC.)

To add Malwarebytes to McAfee's exceptions, click the Windows "Start" button, choose "All programs," then "McAfee," then "VirusScan Console." Right-click on "On-Access Scanner" and choose "properties." Then select "all processes."

Depending on which McAfee version you have, select either "Configure different scanning policies for high-risk, low-risk and default processes" or "Use different settings for high-risk and low-risk processes." Select "low-

risk processes"; on the "Processes" tab, click "Add," and find the Malwarebytes program in the software list. In the "Detection" tab, unselect the options in the "Scan files" section.

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Q: It's time to buy a new computer, and I really don't want to get one with Windows 8, which I don't like. But all the new computers seem to be preloaded with Windows 8. Can I still get a new PC with Windows 7?—Barbara Brown, Schuylkill Haven, Pa.

A: Yes. Because of the lack of consumer enthusiasm for Windows 8, Windows 7 PCs are still available from computer maker Dell (see <http://tinyurl.com/mkpfoeo>) and retailer Wal-Mart Stores (see <http://tinyurl.com/m5t7hgg>.)

NOTE: A note to all readers who want to download the free Malwarebytes program: Be careful, because free software pages are crammed with links to unrelated software that someone wants to promote. After you click the "Download Now" button for Malwarebytes, you must click "save" on the "mbam-setup" box floating above the next Web page (it's in the middle of the page for Firefox, and at bottom of the page for Internet Explorer). Don't click on anything else.

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Message of Appreciation

We are sincerely grateful for your prayers, generosity and contributions during this difficult time for our family.

Margaret Villagomez Hofschneder Salas

was a strong, supportive and loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and the rock of our family. She will be forever missed, but we will strive to perpetuate her memory and values, especially her compassion and determination. We are confident in stating she deeply appreciates the love shown by relatives and friends in the community.

On Saturday, July 27, 2013, a memorial mass for our beloved will be celebrated at Kristo Rai Church at 6:00 a.m. followed immediately with an appreciation breakfast to be served at the social hall. We respectfully invite our relatives and friends to join us on this day.

Thank you, Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Ghilisow.

Jose, Ana, Carlos, Elizabeth, Gloria, Wilhelmina, Eugenia and Families



Life & Style

By George! Britain's little prince gets a name

LONDON (AP)—The little prince was in need of a name, and now, by George, he's got one.

Make that three: George Alexander Louis.

The announcement Wednesday that Prince William and his wife, Kate, had selected a moniker steeped in British history came as royal officials said the new parents were seeking quiet family time away from the flashbulbs and frenzy that accompanied the birth of their first child.

While the news put to rest intense speculation over what name the couple would choose, the extreme interest around it illustrated how the 2-day-old future heir is already on his way to a lifetime of fanfare and public glare.

Kensington Palace said William and Kate were "delighted to announce" their son's name, adding that the baby will be known as "His Royal Highness Prince George of Cambridge."

The name George—borne by six kings—befits the boy now third in line to the British throne and was a favorite among British bookmakers, evoking the steadfastness of the queen's father, George VI, who rallied the nation during World War II.

Alexander is a name shared by three medieval Scottish kings, and Louis could be a tribute to Lord Louis Mountbatten, uncle to the queen's husband, Prince Philip, and the last British viceroy of India before it gained independence in 1947. William's father, Prince Charles, was close to Mountbatten, who was assassinated by the Irish Republican



Kate, the Duchess of Cambridge, carries her new born son, the Prince of Cambridge, who was born on Monday.

Army in 1979.

The announcement of the name, just two days after the baby's birth, was quick by royal standards. Queen Elizabeth II and Philip took a month before settling on the name Charles for the Prince of Wales. Charles and Princess Diana took a week before settling on William's four names.

While a king usually rules under his given name, precedent shows that the prince is not hidebound by George. The first name of George VI was actually Albert, but he picked his fourth name to use as sovereign in honor of his father, George V. For now, palace officials say, William and Kate are spending "private and quiet time for them to get to know their son." Some of their discussions may revolve around how to shield him from the media.

The young prince's relationship with the media appeared to get off to a good start—an encouraging sign for a royal family that has had tense moments with the press.

The baby slept through his

first photo op Tuesday outside London's St. Mary's Hospital, while his parents beamed as they chatted easily with reporters.

"I thought, 'Is this an Oscar-winning performance?'" said Ingrid Seward, editor-in-chief of *Majesty* magazine. "But I think they were so genuinely overjoyed that they wanted to show off the baby."

After leaving the hospital, the couple introduced their son to his uncle, Prince Harry, and to great-grandmother Queen Elizabeth II, who was keen to see the baby before she starts her annual summer vacation in Scotland later this week.

Then they headed to see Kate's parents in their village near London.

There has been so much royal drama in the last few decades that it's easy to forget William had, by royal standards, a relatively normal childhood.

His parents' troubled marriage may have ended in divorce, but Charles and Diana were devoted parents who tried to spend as much time as possible with their children, albeit

with an assist from nannies. While the queen was sometimes away on official tours for months at a time when her children were young, Charles and Diana took William along on a tour to Australia when he was just 9 months old.

The queen was educated at home, in keeping with royal tradition. But she sent her own children to boarding schools, and Charles and Diana did the same with William and Harry—choosing Eton, one of the most prestigious boys' schools in the country.

"William's childhood was normal by upper-middle-class standards—private schools, expensive holidays, McDonald's in a smart part of town as opposed to a grotty part of town," said royal historian Robert Lacey. "I think, really, one is going to see more of the same."

Lacey said Kate's middle-class background will also help ensure her son gets a broader world view than some of his royal predecessors. The baby's maternal grandparents, Carole and Michael Middleton, are self-made millionaires who run a party-planning business from the village of Bucklebury, west of London.

"From Buckingham Palace to Bucklebury—these are the two elements that will be in this child's upbringing," Lacey said.

Lacey noted that on Kate's side the baby prince had "a grandfather who started off dispatching aircraft from Heathrow Airport and a grandmother who started out as a flight attendant and grew up on a council estate, who came from coal-mining stock in Durham" in northern England.

"That is all funneling through," he said.

Saving her sanity is right step for mom suffering depression

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I was a single mom for most of my teenagers' lives. We have never been financially stable, and lately things have hit an all-time low.

I am prone to bouts of depression. I remarried last year, and my husband unfortunately does not understand or tolerate the depressions. He feels I should just "get over" things. He also doesn't believe in anti-depressants. It got so bad I attempted suicide last weekend.

My husband said my doing that was abusive to HIM. Had the pills I took not made me throw up, I would have happily waited to die.

There are six people on my medical aid, and the available funds are more than half used up. For me to see a psychiatrist will take a huge chunk out of it. I am caught between a rock and a hard place. If I do it, my family will miss out on medical care should the need arise later in the year. Is it selfish to try to hang onto what is left of my sanity?

ON THE EDGE IN JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

DEAR ON THE EDGE: That your husband chooses not to recognize that depression is an illness—one that's treatable—is a reflection of his ignorance. That he would tell you your attempted suicide was abusive to HIM suggests that he is more concerned with himself than he is with you.

You have teenage children who need their mother. Trying to hang onto what's left of your sanity and get the medications you need isn't selfish—it's SOUND THINKING. If not for your sake, please seek help now for theirs.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm pregnant with my first child and live 800 miles from my parents, who are retired. We have a good relationship now, but growing up I had major emotional issues my parents didn't handle well. Years of therapy in my early adulthood helped to fix them.

My parents have just told me they have been approved to be foster parents and will be caring for an emotionally disturbed teenager soon. While I know I should be happy for them, I'm extremely upset. I feel they were ill-equipped to handle my emotional issues growing up, and they should be more concerned with their grandchildren in retirement than taking in strangers.

When I heard the news, I tried my best to sound supportive, but they could tell I was upset. How can I handle these feelings? Would it be beneficial to tell them how I feel?

MOMMY-TO-BE IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR MOMMY-TO-BE: A way to handle your feelings would be to view the situation from the perspective of an adult, not a jealous child. That your parents will foster this teenager doesn't mean they will love their grandchildren any less.

On some level they may be trying to make up for the mistakes they made in your upbringing. Because they were ill-equipped to recognize your emotional problems does not mean they won't be wiser now. I suggest you wait to discuss this with them until you're feeling less resentful.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm a 12-year-old girl trying to live a simple life. I read your column every day. I have one small question. I really wanna know why girls don't like each other that much. Many girls at my school are really mean. I wish I knew the answer to why girls are like that. Do you know why?

CONFUSED

DEAR CONFUSED: Girls your age are mean to other girls for a variety of reasons. Some of them may be acting out because they are having problems at home. They may do it because they are jealous or to make themselves feel more important (a power trip).

Girls like this have never been taught to respect the feelings of others. They behave this way because they haven't matured enough to have developed empathy, an ability to be sensitive to the feelings of those they are hurting.

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Jason Sudeikis leaving 'SNL' cast

NEW YORK (AP)—After eight years on the air at "Saturday Night Live," Jason Sudeikis says he's calling it quits. Sudeikis used another late-night institution to make his announcement, telling David Letterman in the taping of Wednesday's show that he's leaving NBC's weekend program. Sudeikis had a busy election year on "Saturday Night Live," portraying both Republican Mitt Romney and Vice President Joe Biden. Sudeikis told Letterman that his time on the show has been "really, really amazing." It's an exodus of male cast members at "SNL." Both Fred Armisen and Bill Hader previously announced they were leaving the show. Seth Meyers will be replacing Jimmy Fallon on his late-night talk show when Fallon moves up to the "Tonight" show.

Natalie Portman to direct 1st film in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM (AP)—Israeli film officials say Israeli-American actress Natalie Portman will direct her first feature film, based on an autobiographical novel by celebrated Israeli writer Amos Oz. Yoram Honig of the Jerusalem Film Fund and a publicist for the film said Wednesday that

Portman wrote the screenplay and will also star in the movie as Oz's troubled mother. They say Portman is to arrive in Israel in October to cast local actors. The movie will be filmed in Jerusalem in early 2014. It's not decided if the film will be shot in Hebrew or English. Honig's fund is providing \$400,000. The movie is based on Oz's 2002 autobiography, "A Tale of Love and Darkness," about his youth during Israel's founding years.

New Zealand bans 'Maniac' from general release

SYDNEY (AP)—New Zealand has banned a horror film starring Elijah Wood as a scalp-collecting serial killer because it's too graphic and disturbing for the public. The Office of Film and Literature Classification action means "Maniac" cannot be screened anywhere other than film festivals or as part of academic study. DVDs of the film will not be allowed for sale. The government censor said the film's graphic violence could harm the public. Monster Pictures, distributor of the film for Australia and New Zealand, said on Thursday that the decision was a gross overreaction. The remake of a 1980 slasher film premiered at the Cannes Film Festival last year.

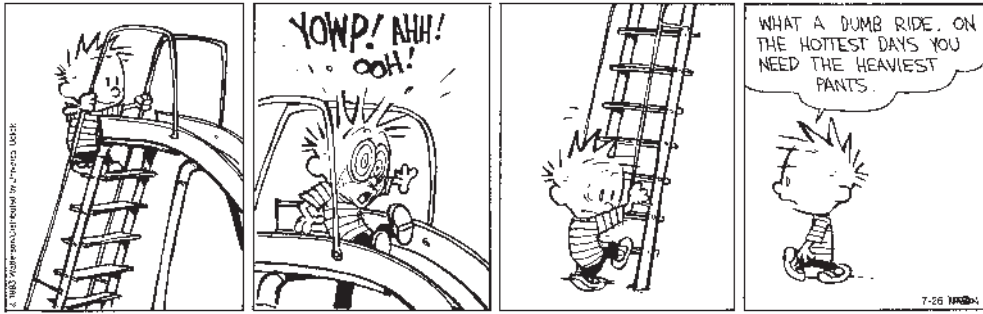
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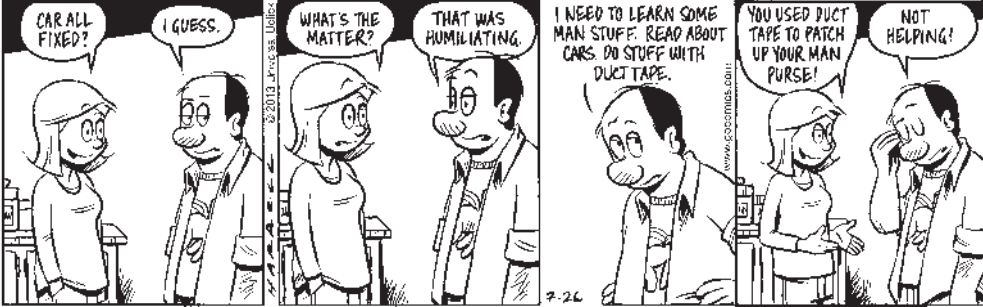


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19 Milk dispenser?
20 Cash
22 Whip
24 Met melody
25 Buddy
29 Scale notes
30 Praise
31 Always, in verse
32 Bach or Brahms
34 Experts
35 Bounds
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21 Sandwich treat
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Jeremy Piven, 48; Sandra Bullock, 49; Kevin Spacey, 54; Helen Mirren, 68.

Happy Birthday: Strive to reach your goals. Put creativity at the top of your list. Allow the freedom to develop the ideas you have been contemplating. Take action and you will get results. Greater assets will come to you from an unusual source. Speak passionately about your plans and you will discover a way to make your dreams come true. Your numbers are 8, 14, 21, 23, 39, 42, 47.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get your chores out of the way and head out to socialize or take care of personal needs. Emotions will be difficult to deal with, so avoid a confrontation until you reassess how you feel and how you want to respond. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take part in community or family events. Pleasure trips or traveling to a destination that will inspire or motivate you to move forward with a lifestyle change should be planned. Romance is on the rise, and personal dreams can be fulfilled. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Look deeper into any situation that doesn't appear to be quite right. The information you are given may be embellished. Opportunities will surface through people you've worked with in the past, but do your due diligence before making a promise. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Participate in the action. Get involved in functions that introduce you to new business associates. Rely on your insight and ability to show

sincerity and dedication to the talents you have to share. Love is on the rise. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Not everyone will be up-front with you, making it difficult for you to make a good decision regarding legal, medical or financial matters. Set your sights on the changes that you feel most comfortable making, not what's being forced on you. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A new look at an old idea will spark renewed interest. Call in favors from reliable sources. Expanding your interests will also help you explore partnerships that can influence you personally or professionally. Love is highlighted. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Arguments will not bring you any closer to getting what you want. Step back and rethink the situation you face and you'll find a way to use your past experience and your skills to come up with a workable solution. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Put your plans into motion. Get together with someone who inspires you, or take a trip that heightens your enthusiasm. Keep the momentum going and strive for success. Romance is on the rise, and special plans will enhance your love life. *****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Put your money in a safe place or invest it in something that promises to bring you a high return. Making changes to your home or personal life may be enticing, but don't go over budget or you will end up feeling stressed. **

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Partnerships should be your focus. Whether you are dealing with a personal or professional relationship, take time to listen to what's being said. A simple request can make your life easier. Avoid impulsive reactions. Focus on simple pleasures. **



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Give your all, no matter what you pursue. A passionate response will get you the most in return. Taking a look back at your past will help you avoid making a similar mistake now. Put your money and possessions in a safe place. *****



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Put your creative imagination to work for you. Invest in your talent, skills and innovative ideas. Love is on the rise, and planning a romantic evening will enhance your personal life. Socialize and take care of your personal needs. ***

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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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Solution: 9 letters

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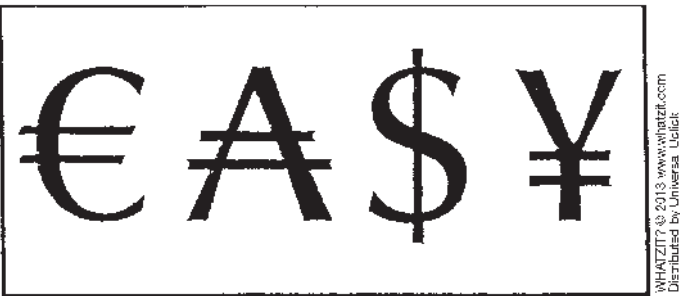
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Matt Garza wins Rangers debut, 3-1 over Yankees



Texas Rangers starting pitcher Matt Garza throws to the New York Yankees during the first inning of a baseball game, Wednesday, July 24, 2013, in Arlington, Texas



ARLINGTON, Texas

(AP)—Matt Garza pitched into the eighth inning of his Rangers debut, the only run he allowed unearned after his throwing error, and Texas beat the New York Yankees 3-1 on Wednesday night.

Garza (1-0) was 6-1 in his 11 starts this season for the Chicago Cubs before being traded Monday to the Rangers, who had long coveted the right-hander. He was 5-0 with a 1.24 ERA his last six starts for Chicago, winning the last five.

After giving up consecutive singles to start his first game in a Rangers jersey, Garza retired 15 of the next 16 batters before his throwing error on Brett Gardner's comebacker leading off the sixth.

A.J. Pierzynski drove in two runs for Texas, including a tie-breaking solo homer in the bottom of the sixth off Andy Pettitte (7-8). David Murphy also homered, off reliever Shawn Kelley in the eighth.

Rays 5, Red Sox 1

In Boston, David Price pitched a five-hitter for his third complete game of the season, Wil Myers had a two-run single, and the surging Rays won for the 19th time in 22 games by beating the Red Sox.

James Loney had two hits and drove in a run for the Rays. Tampa Bay moved within a half-game of the AL East-leading Red Sox.

Athletics 4, Astros 3

In Houston, Coco Crisp hit a two-run homer in Oakland's three-run

seventh inning to help the Athletics to a win over the Astros.

The A's trailed by two before an RBI double by Eric Sogard with one out cut the lead to 3-2 and chased starter Bud Norris. Crisp launched his home run off Travis Blackley (1-1) to put Oakland on top.

Angels 1, Twins 0

In Anaheim, Calif., Jered Weaver outpitched Mike Pelfrey with eight innings of two-hit ball and Albert Pujols drove in the only run, leading the Angels to a victory over the Twins.

Weaver (5-5) struck out nine and walked one in his first home start against the Twins since his no-hitter on May 2, 2012. The three-time All-Star retired 19 consecutive batters during one stretch—just four days after teammate C.J. Wilson set down 18 in a row against Oakland.

Indians 10, Mariners 1

In Seattle, Scott Kazmir allowed just one hit over his eight innings, Michael Bourn hit his first career grand slam and the Indians routed the Mariners.

The only hit Kazmir (6-4) gave up was a clean leadoff single to center by Justin Smoak in the fifth. Kazmir struck out seven, walked two and allowed an unearned run. He threw 103 pitches and was relieved by Vinnie Pestano in the ninth. Pestano allowed a hit.

Tigers 6, White Sox 2

In Chicago, Prince Fielder, Austin Jackson and Torii Hunter homered, and Anibal Sanchez pitched six scoreless innings to help the Tigers overcome Miguel

Cabrera's absence in a win over the White Sox.

Cabrera, the reigning AL MVP and baseball's first Triple Crown winner in 45 years last season, left Monday's game in the bottom of the fifth inning with a left hip flexor injury. He hasn't played since and might sit out Thursday, too, when the Tigers go for a four-game sweep.

Royals 4, Orioles 3

In Kansas City, Mo., Eric Hosmer hit two home runs and Alcides Escobar drove in the winning run in the ninth to lift the Royals to a victory over the Orioles.

David Lough singled and scored the game-ending run when Escobar doubled off the fence in left center with one out in the ninth.

Dodgers 8, Blue Jays 3, 10 innings

In Toronto, Mark Ellis hit a two-run homer to highlight Los Angeles' five-run 10th inning as the Dodgers beat the Blue Jays to complete a three-game sweep.

Yasiel Puig also went deep in the 10th for the streaking Dodgers, who have won six straight and 23 of 28 to go from last in the NL West on June 21 to first place.

Los Angeles won its 10th straight road game, the franchise's longest streak since the Brooklyn Dodgers won their first 11 away from home in 1955.

Pirates 4, Nationals 2

In Washington, Francisco Lirio didn't allow a hit until the

sixth inning against a struggling and depleted Nationals lineup, and Pedro Alvarez homered off Stephen Strasburg to lead the Pittsburgh Pirates past Washington.

The Nationals fell to 0-6 since the All-Star break—scoring a total of 13 runs in that span—and have lost 11 of 13.

Braves 8, Mets 2

In New York, Tim Hudson took a shutout into the eighth inning before getting spiked at first base and carted off the field during Atlanta's victory over the New York Mets.

Hudson has a broken right ankle and will undergo surgery in Atlanta once the swelling goes down.

Evan Gattis, Dan Uggla and Andrelton Simmons all homered off an ineffective Jeremy Hefner to help the Braves' bats break loose after scoring only four runs in their previous three games.

Cardinals 11, Phillies 3

In St. Louis, Jake Westbrook pitched seven solid innings and

contributed offensively with his second career steal, leading St. Louis past Philadelphia.

Matt Adams had two hits and three RBIs, and Shane Robinson's three-run triple in the fifth was his third hit of the game for the Cardinals (61-37), who are 4-1 since the All-Star break.

Brewers 3, Padres 1

In Milwaukee, Kyle Lohse pitched seven strong innings, and Carlos Gomez had four hits and drove in two runs to lead Milwaukee over San Diego.

It was the Brewers' first win since left fielder Ryan Braun was suspended Monday for the remainder of the 2013 season for violating Major League Baseball's drug policy.

Rockies 2, Marlins 1

In Denver, Jorge De La Rosa tossed six scoreless innings, Todd Helton doubled and scored a run, and Colorado held on to beat Miami.

Michael Cuddyer reached three times and Rex Brothers earned his sixth save in seven

chances with a scoreless ninth.

Reds 8, Giants 3

In San Francisco, Mike Leake pitched six-plus innings of wildly effective ball and had the third three-hit game of his career, leading Cincinnati past San Francisco.

Leake (10-4) allowed a career-high 12 hits but gave up just one run. He also snapped an 0-for-26 skid—his longest hitless streak—with two singles and a double.

Cubs 7, Diamondbacks 6, 12 innings

In Phoenix, Nate Schierholtz lined a two-out double into the left-field corner in the top of the 12th inning to drive in the go-ahead run, and the Chicago Cubs held on to defeat Arizona.

The RBI was the fifth of the night for Schierholtz, who also hit a three-run home run. The Cubs lost a six-run lead but went ahead for good in the 12th on a walk to Anthony Rizzo followed by Schierholtz's double.

Brewers' owner committed to keeping Braun

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Milwaukee Brewers owner Mark Attanasio is committed to keeping Ryan Braun on the team and knows the suspended slugger has a lot of work to do to repair his image.

The Brewers' owner made his first public comments Wednesday since issuing a statement Monday when Braun was suspended for the rest of the 2013 season for violations of Major League Baseball's drug policy.

Attanasio met with Braun in Milwaukee on Wednesday and then spoke to reporters during the Brewers' game against the San Diego Padres.

"Right now, the full expectation is to keep him, and the full expectation is that he is going to do the right things, he is going to say the right things, and he is going to put in a lot of hard work to get back into folks' good graces," Attanasio said.

"That is going to take some time. It's not like we are going to be at opening day next year and we're going to be through this."

Attanasio is not yet aware of all the details of the case, saying Braun could not provide additional details due to the ongoing investigation.

But Attanasio reiterated that he was disappointed by Braun's actions and said he told Braun he wanted to be involved in helping him overcome the damage done by his suspension.

"I've told Ryan that I would like to take a more active role in talking to him going forward and he is very accepting of that," Attanasio said. "He wants to do the right thing at this point going forward. This was a first step, by coming for-



Milwaukee Brewers owner Mark Attanasio, right, walks from the dugout at the start of a baseball game against the San Diego Padres, Wednesday, July 24, 2013, in Milwaukee.

ward and agreeing to a penalty and being the first player to do that. That is a first step, and it is a baby step, but it is a step in the right direction."

Asked how Braun could repair his image after 18 months of lying to fans, Attanasio said there was "no road map for him to follow."

"This is a unique circumstance here," he said. "I told Ryan that this is going to take time. No matter how open, honest, truthful, sincere he is in the next press conference, that is one step in what is going to be (many). It is going to take time. Everyone will know when, if he gets over that threshold, that he has gotten over it, because the community will be in a position that they can embrace him again."

Attanasio said he under-

stands the anger from Milwaukee fans and knows Braun has a lot of work to do to repair his image.

"This community trusted Ryan," Attanasio said. "So I understand how this community is reacting as negatively as it is because it was so trusting and it's had its trust betrayed."

Attanasio hopes that after MLB completes its investigation Braun would speak about what led to his suspension.

"I think he has to get to the point where he can actually speak about this," he said. "Major League Baseball is in the midst of an ongoing investigation. He is obviously now cooperating with baseball. He is cooperating in such a way that he is going to let them conclude or get further into the investigation before he talks."

Belichick says Pats will learn from Hernandez case



FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP)—A grim-faced coach Bill Belichick said Wednesday the New England Patriots will learn from the “terrible experience” of Aaron Hernandez’s arrest on a murder charge and work to improve their player evaluation process.

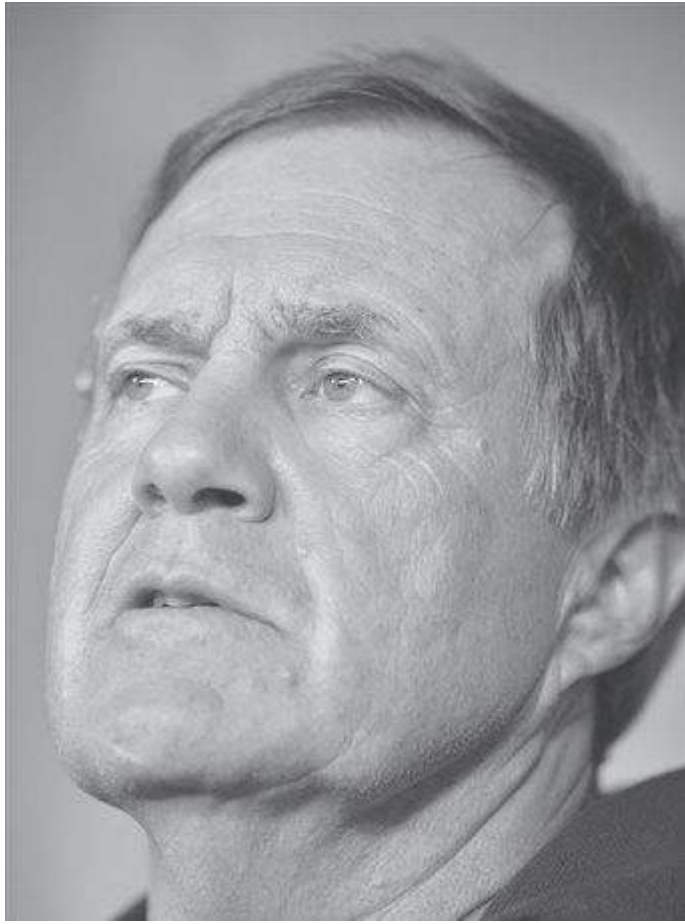
Speaking publicly for the first time since the tight end was arrested four weeks earlier, Belichick said he was “shocked and disappointed” to learn of the criminal investigation while he was out of the United States.

He also sought to minimize future attention on the case.

“My comments are certainly not in proportion to the unfortunate and sad situation that we have here, but I’ve been advised to address the subject once, and it’s time for the New England Patriots to move forward,” Belichick said. “Moving forward consists of what it’s always been here—to build a winning football team, to be a strong pillar in the community and be a team that our fans can be proud of.”

“I’m not trying to make this story disappear, but I respect the judicial process and have been advised not to comment on ongoing legal proceedings. I’m advising our players to do the same things.”

The Patriots cut Hernandez after he was arrested the morning of June 26 and before he was



AP
New England Patriots NFL football head coach Bill Belichick speaks to reporters in Foxborough, Mass., Wednesday, July 24, 2013.

charged that afternoon. Hernandez has pleaded not guilty.

Players are scheduled to report to training camp on Thursday when quarterback Tom Brady and the five other captains from last season will be available to reporters. The first practice is scheduled for Friday.

Belichick opened his 22-minute news conference by speaking from prepared notes.

He expressed sympathy for the family of shooting victim Odin Lloyd, said the team’s in-depth process of studying a player’s background is “far from perfect” but wouldn’t be overhauled, and

took responsibility for bringing people to the team.

“The hundreds of players we’ve had through this program in the last 14 years, there’s been a lot of good ones, a lot of real good ones,” said Belichick, who became coach in 2000. “We’ll try to do a good job in bringing people into this organization in the future and try to learn from the mistakes that we’ve made along the way, of which there have been plenty.”

At about the same time as Belichick was speaking, Hernandez was in court for a probable cause hearing in which prosecutors asked for more time to present evidence to a grand jury. The hearing was rescheduled for Aug. 22.

“Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of the victim and I extend my sympathy really to everyone who has been impacted,” Belichick said. “A young man lost his life. His family has suffered a tragic loss and there’s no way to understate that.”

Belichick was unusually expansive in his answers. He declined to answer some questions about Hernandez, saying he had been advised not to answer those about people involved in the legal case.

“This case involves an individual who happened to be a New England Patriot, and we certainly do not condone unacceptable behavior and this does not in any way represent the way that the

New England Patriots want to do things,” he said. “As the coach of the team, I’m primarily responsible for the people that we bring into the football operation.”

He didn’t say, in response to a question, if he had talked with Hernandez since the player’s name was linked to it.

Belichick said “the fundamentals” of the Patriots’ player evaluation process will stay the same as they’ve been since he became coach in 2000, but the team will work hard to do it better.

Hernandez dropped to the fourth round in the 2010 NFL draft because of character issues. Several teams took him off their draft board.

“We look at every player’s history from the moment we start discussing it,” Belichick said, “going back to his family, where he grew up, what his lifestyle was like, high school, college experi-

ences. We evaluate his performance, his intelligence, his work ethic, his motivation, his maturity, his improvement and we try to project that into our organization on a going-forward basis.”

Belichick wouldn’t answer a question about starting cornerback Alfonzo Dennard, who was charged with first-offense drunken driving after being pulled over in his car on July 11 in Lincoln, Neb., while on probation. He remains on the team.

Players are evaluated on “a case-by-case basis,” Belichick said. “Whatever the circumstances are on any one individual, you’ll have to make the decision based on an individual basis.”

With Hernandez, he said, the team “acted swiftly and decisively” to cut him. “Having someone in your organization that’s involved in a murder investigation is a terrible thing.”

Miller says he’s returning to Grizzlies



MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—Mike Miller is going back to a former home, agreeing to a deal with the Memphis Grizzlies.

Miller confirmed the deal to The Associated Press on Wednesday, about a week after the Miami Heat designated him as their amnesty player after three seasons with the team. Miller will still collect more than \$12 million in salary from

the Heat over the next two seasons, but will not count against their salary cap or luxury tax.

The Grizzlies have not yet formally announced the deal.

Miller spent parts of six seasons with the Grizzlies from 2003 through 2008. He helped the Heat win the past two NBA titles, and has averaged 12.3 points while shooting 41 percent from 3-point range in his 13 NBA seasons.

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LeBron James inspires, amazes fans in Manila



NBA superstar LeBron James lifts up one of the boys for a dunk during a basketball clinic Tuesday, July 23, 2013, at the Mall of Asia Arena in Pasay City. James is in Manila for a day in the event dubbed "Witness History". Overwhelmed by the rousing welcome of his Filipino fans, James did not disappoint as he wowed the crowd at The Arena with his vintage shots and made sure that everyone had a good time.

By CELEST R. FLORES
INQUIRER.NET

MANILA, Philippines—On his first ever trip to this basketball-crazed country, LeBron James didn't miss the chance to impress Manila by strutting the showmanship the fans were raring to see.

From the moment he faced the thousands of fans at the Mall of Asia Arena on Tuesday—behind blinding fireworks to his grand gesture to reach out to the kids in the

crowd—James certainly left his mark.

This isn't to forget the step back, fadeaway triples, the nifty passes and the dizzying dunks, which the NBA superstar obliged to show in a brief exhibition game with select collegiate and national team players.

"I'm lost for words. This is unbelievable. This is crazy," LeBron told the jam-packed crowd at the Witness History event, some of whom had lined up for days just to see him.

James, who recently posted a

preview of his rap song on Instagram, opened up the show by rapping and dancing to a beat while asking: "Philippines are y'all ready? James is in the building."

And the crowd aptly chanted "MVP! MVP!" That was just the first of many times that chant was heard that afternoon.

While James said he had an inkling of how passionate basketball fans here were, the four-time NBA MVP admitted during the press conference Tuesday morning: "I didn't

know what to expect. This is overwhelming."

He also tried to overwhelm fans with his famous rim-rattlers—where he rises up so high before stuffing the ball hard on the ring—to which the crowd reacted with non-stop "ooohs" and "aaahs."

Team LeBron, which was made of basketball standouts from the UAAP seniors and juniors division, yielded to Smart Gilas Pilipinas, 27-29, in a 10-minute scrimmage.

James, who laced up his

game-time kicks of blue and black and donned a white and red jersey emblazoned with the word "witness", joined the game midway to the delight of the fans.

He threw down a monster jam after the other off lob passes from teammates Kiefer Ravena, Cris Newsome, Terrence Romeo and Ray Parks, and James even had a chance to win it for his team but misfired on the final two attempts.

"The reason why I missed those last two shots because my jersey's too damn small, forgive

me," James jokingly said in his closing speech.

But his sense of humor wasn't the last thing Manila would remember about arguably the best basketball player in the world—it was when he pulled a kid from the Lower Box section, brought him down courtside and gave him his used, and signed, jersey.

"You guys a got a great future here. I will continue to do my part and inspire you guys. You just gotta keep on being passionate just the way you are," James said.

KAMIKAZE

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Kamikaze scored the string of baskets off Navy Hill's miscues anew to stretch the advantage to 10, 72-62, 3:05 left on the clock.

A Dennis Vinas triple stopped the bleeding for Navy Hill, but that also served as the last basket of team, while Kamikaze answered with four straight points from Sacramento to complete the come-from-behind win.

Sacramento finished with 23 points, just three markers behind Kamikaze's top scorer Marlon De Dios. The two gunners teamed up in bringing Kamikaze back in the game, as their combined 14 points in the second canto sliced the once twin-digit deficit to 8 at the break, 28-39.

The match was then back to square one at the end of the third, 51-all, and Kamikaze even managed to steal the lead, 49-47, off a Jun Lagmay's undergoal shot. A 6-0 start in the final canto returned the upper hand to Kamikaze, 57-56, but Navy Hill also launched its own rally, 8-0, 59-57, to regain the driver's seat. Then in the next three minutes, Kamikaze and Navy Hill breathed on each other's neck before the latter became careless and committed costly turnovers, allowing the former to pull away with a 14-point winning margin.

points in the extension period to take the win and improve to a 3-2 record. Maplas absorbed its first loss after a 2-0 start.

An Edmark Mendoza put-back off Dennis Morales' miss sent the game in overtime, but Flip Top would not be denied as it went all out in the extra five minutes of the match. Chris Mizer scored 6 points in overtime, while Kevin De Leon added 5 to lift Flip Top to the win. Wens Namelo made the other 2 points for Flip Top in the extension, while Alex Ocampo canned the lone field goal for Maplas, which got the other point from Morales' split charity.

De Leon top-scored for Flip Top with his 19 points, while Mizer and Emerson Feria contributed 18 and 17, respectively. Rommel Usi led Maplas with his 17 markers.

First Game

Fong's Flip Top 78 — De Leon 19, Mizer 18, Feria 17, Isip 12, Lapuz 6m Namelo 2, Fleming 2.

Maplas 68 — Usi 17, Mendoza 15, Morales 12, Ocampo 10, Aniciete 4, Mateo 3, Rivera 2, Surla 2.

Scoring by quarters: 18-19, 32-36, 46-49, 65-65, 78-68.

Second Game

Kamikaze 79 — De Dios 26, R. Sacramento 23, Reyes 9, Santos 8, Rivera 5, Manalo 4, A. Sacramento 3, Lagmay 3.

Navy Hill 65 — Devero 17, Vinas 16, Rebuyon 8, Quan 6, Mancao 6, Camacho 4, Culala 2, Diaz 2, Cortez 2.

Scoring by quarters: 12-18, 29-37, 51-51, 79-65.

DEFENDING

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In the women's division, Willet also notched back-to-back titles last year and will be gunning for a three-peat this December. She clocked in at 3:05:40, also a new course record in the women's division, surpassing her 2011 mark of 3:16:15.72.

The two defending champions are expected to face tough

competition from Korean, Japanese, Russian, and Chinese bikers. Quinn said the Northern Mariana Islands Cycling Federation, which is taking over the hosting chores from Hell founder Pacific Islands Club, is coordinating with Marianas Visitors Authority to lure these off-island bikers. She added NMICF is targeting 200 riders for this year's century cycle race.

"We're working with the off-shore MVA offices to tap into media and pros from Japan, Korea,

Russia. and China. The www.hell-of-the-marianas.com website is up and we'll soon have online registration available. It's in five languages now and the registration forms are downloadable from the site," Quinn said.

This year's Hell of Marianas' course also has a slight change with the starting and finish line now at Mariana Resort & Spa. From the starting area, bikers will head north up to the Last Command Post and make a U turn en route to the usual routes, which

include Beach Road, the Airport Road, Isa Drive, Talafofo (going to Kingfisher Golf Course), Radar, Bird Island Lookout, Suicide Cliff, and Banzai Cliff.

The Hell of Marianas is open to solo and two-person and four-person teams and bikers can join either the MTB or road race. Cash and other prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in the men's and women's pro and age group categories. Deadline for registration is set for Nov. 30.

CNMI

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namement and see for themselves how swimmers from the rest of the world perform," Torres told *Saipan Tribune* in a brief interview last Sunday after competing in a local running event.

Also scheduled to race in Day 1 of the swimming competition is Chentsova, who will join the qualifiers in the 400m freestyle. The SSC swimmer's PBT in the

400m freestyle is 5:08.57 and she competed in the same event in her World Championships debut in Shanghai in 2011 and logged 5:18.67.

Days 2 and 3 will be rest days for the CNMI swimmers, as Wong will only start plunging into the pool on Wednesday via the 200m individual medley qualifying heat. The four-time world championship participant holds the CNMI mark in the 200m IM, submitting 2:10.18 during the 2011 edition of the

competition in Shanghai, China.

The 21-year-old swimmer will also join the 200m breast-stroke event on Thursday and will try to break the CNMI mark (2:23.35), which he also owns and logged during the competition in China, two years ago.

While Wong will be done with his events by Thursday, De Jesus will just start her competition next Friday, as she races in the 50m butterfly. The Tsunami Saipan Swim Club swimmer's PBT in the 50m butterfly is

34.37 seconds. De Jesus next and last event will be the 50m freestyle, which will have its qualifying races on Aug. 3.

Chentsova will also have her second and final event next week, as she participates in the 800m freestyle event on Aug. 2. She is aiming to eclipse her PBT of 10:34.21. Kimura's 100m butterfly race is scheduled for next Friday, too, and he is hoping to shatter his PBT and the CNMI's age group (15 to 16) mark of 1:01.05.

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Cleveland	53	48	.525	3 1/2	Arizona	52	49	.515	1 1/2
Kansas City	47	51	.480	8	Colorado	49	53	.480	5
Minnesota	43	55	.439	12	San Francisco	46	55	.455	7 1/2
Chicago	39	59	.398	16	San Diego	45	57	.441	9
West Division					BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS				
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Oakland	59	42	.584	—					
Texas	56	45	.554	3					
Seattle	48	53	.475	11					
Los Angeles	47	52	.475	11					
Houston	34	66	.340	24 1/2					

Repeat champion in PIC Laser Tag tourney



SBDC's Keoni Ichihara slowly moves to their foes' camp during a pool game in the 4th Annual Laser Tag Tournament last Saturday at the Pacific Islands Club's Laser Tag Park in San Antonio.



Rustyz's Matt Iguel aims at his target during a pool game in the 4th Annual Laser Tag Tournament last Saturday at the Pacific Islands Club's Laser Tag Park in San Antonio.

Saipan's Best Dance Crew made it back-to-back in the 4th Annual Laser Tag Tournament after besting seven other teams in last weekend's competition at the Pacific Islands Club's Laser Tag Park in San Antonio.

SBDC, which defeated Rambo's Commandoes in last year's finals, this time topped Team Rustyz to defend its championship. The two-time champion team is composed of Keoni Ichihara, Dwayne Castro, and Sixtus Aquino.

SBDC ruled pool play with three wins to gain the top seeding in the double-elimination playoffs. At the start of the playoffs, SBDC downed Team YOLO and then edged Team Bali to advance to the semifinals against Rustyz. SBDC went on to notch its third straight win and gain the first berth after defeating Rustyz, which had Matt Iguel, Chris Eugenio, and Roman

Babauta as members.

Rustyz fell to the loser's bracket and earned another crack at SBDC after eliminating The Losers, which marched into the semifinals, following its victories over Team Bali and Sook It. The Losers settled for a third place finish for the second straight year.

The Top 4 finishers received prizes with SBDC getting \$120 cash, one case of Miller Lite beers and Monster Energy Drink, and a trophy. Rustyz got \$75, one case of Miller Lite beers and Monster Energy Drink, and a trophy, while The Losers and Sook It went home with one case each of Monster Energy Drink.

Meanwhile, organizers would like to thank Pacific Islands Club Saipan, Pacific Trading Company, including Miller Lite, Gatorade, and Pepsi for supporting the event. *(Saipan Tribune)*

Chamber accepts generous donation toward golf tourney



The Saipan Chamber Commerce recently received a \$5,000 donation from Steve Brownstein, who owns and operates Straight Line International/The HR Screener. The donation will be applied toward the 6th Annual Chamber fundraiser golf tournament on Oct. 26.



The Saipan Chamber of Commerce announced plans for its annual golf tournament to raise funds for the association's college scholarship program. The Chamber last June awarded \$12,000 in college scholarship funds to six Saipan high school students attending colleges this year.

This Wednesday, the Chamber Board of Directors received a generous donation of \$5,000 to be applied toward the 6th Annual Chamber fundraiser golf tournament from Steve Brownstein. Brownstein, who owns and operates Straight Line International/The HR Screener as The Background Investigator,

and has been a member of the Chamber since 2005, donated the \$5,000 for the tournament's costs, and as a way of contributing to the CNMI community through the SCC college scholarship program.

This year's tournament will be the 2013 Saipan Chamber of Commerce/Steve Brownstein Golf Classic.

The SCC will host the two-man best ball scramble format on Oct. 26, 2013. The one-day event will be played at Laolao Bay Golf Resort. Categories of play will be men's low gross, men's low net (double peoria), and women's low net (double peoria). Winners in all three categories will take home \$1,000 each. Second

and third place finishers will be awarded \$500 and \$300 each, respectively.

There will be four hole-in-one prizes with automobiles and cash awards, as well as airline tickets for closest-to-the-pin contests. The Chamber estimates all prizes totaling \$99,000.

The tournament fees will be \$99.95 for individual players, and registration forms will be available soon at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce offices in Garapan, or by calling Emi Agulto at 233-7150, or emailing coordinator@saipanchamber.com.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce, founded in 1959 and incorporated in 1976, is the

largest private sector business organization in the CNMI. The Chamber works to promote and protect the business, economic and civic interests, and the general health and welfare, of our islands. *(PR)*

Ada captures Amigos July Ace



Roy Ada won the Amigos Golf Club Ace of the Month Tournament for

July after shooting a net 69 last July 21 at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort east course.

Last Sunday was a beautiful day for the game of golf with overcast skies throughout the round, but the high humidity caused most players to miss easy puts as they seemed to lack consistency in their swings.

Ada made it a little interesting for the others chasing glory, as the qualifying round leader did not have a good start and struggled in the first nine holes finishing with a gross score of 47.

However, his determination and timely adjustment allowed him to find his groove in the back nine and improved his score by 7 strokes for a gross of 40.

Ada's gross of 87 with his 14 handicap allowed him to card a net score of 73 and his net 69 in the qualifier gave him a two-round total of 142, which was enough to earn him the July Ace. Ada thus is now qualified for the club's championship at the end of the year.

John Guerrero was right behind Ada, but came up short. He shot a gross of 83 and with his 12 handicap fin-

ished with a net of 71. With his qualifying net of 74, Guerrero came away with a total net of 145.

Dan Quitugua, who despite his valiant effort of improving his back nine score by five strokes after a front nine gross of 44, settled for third with a gross of 83 and a net of 69. That score and his qualifying net of 78 have him a total of 147.

Other net scores were the 153 of Frank Sablan and Joe Tudela. Joe Sablan Jr., who after a long absence from the game is still trying to find his reliable swing back, finished with a net of 154. Felix Sasamoto, meanwhile, scored a 162.

In the qualifier held last July 7 at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort west course, Ada edged Lorraine Babauta via scorecard tiebreak after both finished with identical 69s.

Amigo Golf Club members are reminded that the August qualifying round is scheduled for Aug. 11 at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort west course and the Ace of the Month will be on Aug. 25 at the Kingfisher Golf Links. Show time is 11:30am and tee time is 12pm. For more information, call John Guerrero at 287-6352 or Joe Sablan Jr. at 989-9057. *(Saipan Tribune)*



2013 Youth Futsal League Schedule

Saturday, July 27, 2013		
5:00-6:00 PM:	U18 Girls	Shirley's vs. 69ers
6:00-7:00 PM:	U18 Boys	Asian Kanoa FC vs. NMI A Team
7:00-8:00 PM:	U18 Boys	NMI B Team vs. Thunder Cats
Sunday, July 28, 2013		
5:30-6:30 PM:	U18 Boys	Consolation Match
6:30-7:30 PM:	U18 Girls	Championship Match
7:30-8:30 PM:	U18 Boys	Championship Match





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Defending champs return for Hell of Marianas



Australian bikers Jack Anderson, left, and Jodie Willet gesture en route to their first place finish in the 6th Hell of Marianas last year.

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Australia's Jack Anderson and Jodie Willet will be back on Saipan later this year to defend their titles in the 7th Annual Hell of the Marianas.

HELL OF THE MARIANAS

Kanae Quinn, race director of the 100-kilometer cycling event, confirmed the participation of the two Australian bikers to the Dec. 7 competition in an email to *Saipan Tribune* last weekend.

The 25-year-old Anderson won the 6th Hell of the Marianas Century Cycle Race in record-breaking fashion after clocking in at 2:44:52. He shattered his own time (2:57:47) that was made when he prevailed in the 2011 race against Japan's Kinji Hashimoto 2010 champion Joon Yong Seo of Korea. Last year, Anderson defeated 2012 London Olympics participant and Korean national team member Sun Jae Jang (2:51:50) and Russian pro Aleksandr Dorovskikh (2:54:43).

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Kamikaze zooms past Navy Hill

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Kamikaze kept its unbeaten record, following a come-from-behind 79-65 victory over Navy Hill in the second game in the 2013 DL Corporation Invitational Basketball League last Wednesday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

After facing a 14-point deficit in the first half, 30-16, Kamikaze recovered and stole the win—its third in as many

games—as Navy Hill collapsed in the second half and fell to a 1-2 record.

Navy Hill's major breakdown came in the last four minutes of the match with Kamikaze holding a shaky 64-62 lead. Navy Hill started the meltdown with an error on its offensive set, while Rodney Sacramento went for a breakaway layup and was fouled on his way to the basket. He made both free throws and that sparked a Kamikaze 8-0 run in a span of less than a minute.

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CNMI swimmers ready to take plunge

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The CNMI swimming team will start its campaign in the 15th FINA World Championships in Barcelona, Spain this Sunday.

The Commonwealth is represented by four athletes—Rezne Wong, Victoria Chentsova, Angel De Jesus, and Kensuke Kimura—in the biennial swimming competition that will be held at the Palau Sant Jordi from July 28 to Aug. 8. Joining them in Spain are coach Jacoby Winkfield and Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation president John Hirsh and Saipan Swim Club head Robert Torres, who will also attend the FINA Congress.

The group—save for Wong—left Saipan for Barcelona last



From left, the World Championship-bound Angel De Jesus and Victoria Chentsova, pose for a photo with SSC coach Tammy Winkfield before leaving Saipan for Barcelona, Spain last Tuesday.

Tuesday and the swimmers will have a few days left to warm up before joining the first day of the races this weekend. Wong flew from Hawaii.

Kimura will be the first CNMI swimmer to see action in the biennial tournament this year, as he competes in the qualifying heat for the 50m butterfly event. The qualifying races are scheduled to kick off at 10am Sunday (6pm Sunday Saipan time). The start and heat lists in this event are not yet posted on the website, but Kimura's PBT and entry times released by NMISF read at 27.57 seconds.

"Our swimmers' target is to set new PBTs and CNMI records. It will be a great opportunity for our swimmers, especially world championship newcomers Kensuke and Angel, to compete in a big tour-

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Five Navy Hill players watch Kamikaze's Marlon De Dios go up for an uncontested shot during the third quarter of their game in the DL Corp. caging last Wednesday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.